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PREFACE

This Calendar of the Ezekiel Cooper Collection, the third publication of the Illinois Historical Records Survey Project in the field of manuscripts, represents one phase of the Survey's three-point program to compile and publish a guide to manuscript depositories in Illinois, guides to manuscript collections, and calendars and checklists of certain selected collections.

Although manuscript research in Illinois was begun as early as the fall of 1937, the Survey's work in inventorying public archives was started almost two years before with the inception of a nation-wide Historical Records Survey Program in January, 1936, as part of the Works Progress Administration, now the Work Projects Administration. Under the administration of the Division of Professional and Service Projects, the Program was technically supervised by Dr. Luther H. Evans until March, 1940, when he was succeeded as National Director by Sargent B. Child. In September, 1939, the Illinois State Library, of which Secretary of State Edward J. Hughes is State Librarian and Helene H. Rogers, Assistant State Librarian, became the official sponsor of the Illinois Historical Records Survey Project. In January, 1940, this sponsorship was assumed by the University of Illinois and in December by the Governor of Illinois.

The Calendar of the Ezekiel Cooper Collection has been compiled from original Ezekiel Cooper papers, for the most part unpublished, now preserved in twenty-four bound volumes in the Library of the Garrett Biblical Institute on the Northwestern University Campus, Evanston, Illinois.

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In this volume the practice of grouping the undated but related entries after the dated entries, has been followed. Misspelled proper names have been corrected only on their first appearance in the entry.

Under the supervision of Al Cohen, the calendar was prepared for publication by J. F. Powers, of the manuscripts section of the Archives Division, the activities of which are directed by Herbert R. Rifkind, State Editor. The book was compiled in accordance with instructions and procedures of the Washington office of the Historical Records Survey where Margaret S. Eliot, Assistant Archivist, is in charge of manuscripts inventories.

The Survey is deeply grateful to Mabel F. Gardiner, Librarian at the Garrett Biblical Institute, for her splendid cooperation, and to Dr. Paul S. Minear, Chairman of the Library Committee, for a critical advance reading of the calendar and his excellent introduction.

Publications now being compiled by the manuscripts section of the Survey include the Guide to the Manuscript Collections of the Illinois Historical Survey of the University of Illinois, the Guide to the Manuscript Collections of the Illinois Historical Library, and calendars of the Illinois Governors' Correspondence, 1809-1853, and the Eric Norelius Collection of Swedish-American Manuscripts. (See page 84 for a complete list of publications by the Illinois Historical Records Survey Project.) Requests for information concerning any of these should be addressed to the State Supervisor.

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INTRODUCTION

Frequently the historian unearths valuable data in the life and letters of a relatively unknown man. In such materials the scholar may find the focus of many important movements and events, a focus that reveals the original interrelationships of these movements and that reflects the atmosphere of an earlier time. The inner meanings and human experiences of a bygone age may be better recovered through such private materials than through public archives. This observation is particularly relevant to the Ezekiel Cooper Collection, here calandared for the first time.

A short biography of Ezekiel Cooper may be found in such a volume as Simpson's Cyclopedia of Methodism, recording the main facts concerning his life and work. But to endow these dry bones with living flesh and blood one needs such materials as are found in this collection of letters, personal reminiscences, sermons, and essays. Born in Maryland in the pre-revolutionary era (Feb. 22, 1763) to parents who were respectable members of the Church of England, Cooper's early life reflects the current status of organized religion in the colonies and the sources of popular dissatisfaction with existing churches. His own reactions against the prevailing formalism indicate one area in which emerging Methodism gained its greatest support, both in the Colonies and in England. Strongly influenced by the fervent preaching of a Wesleyan itinerant, Freeborn Garrettson, Cooper entered the new society, became a preacher, and attended the important Christmas Conference of 1784. He remained an active and able minister through the days of Confederation, the adoption of the Constitution, the War of 1812, and the rise of anti-slavery sentiment, becoming before his death in 1847 one of the honored 'elder statesmen' of

the rapidly expanding church. The pulpits that he held during that long ministry were located in the strategic centers of American life: Long Island, Annapolis, Alexandria, Charleston, Boston, New York, Baltimore, Wilmington, and Philadelphia. His work was closely interwoven with the various phases of early Methodism, not only as a preacher and a presiding elder, but also as a frequent contributor to periodicals, an ardent opponent of slavery, a mediator in ecclesiastical controversies (of which there were many), an able administrator of the Methodist Book Concern, and a theological disputant of no mean ability. In many ways he represented the authentic American spirit. A vigorous defender of democracy in church government, he was likewise an exponent of liberality, tolerance, freedom, equality, and justice. He had keen faith in the principles of the newly adopted Bill of Rights. In the collection may be found even a defense of Catholicism against false and scurrilous attacks. His intellectual acumen was widely recognized: "a living encyclopedia in respect not only to theology, but most other departments of knowledge."

Because of his importance in the first two generations of American Methodism, the letters addressed to him from more renowned leaders contain valuable historical data. In this collection may be found many letters from Francis Asbury, Thomas Coke, Jesse Lee, William McKendree, Freeborn Garrettson, and others; letters which vividly describe the triumphs and failures of a nascent church---the encouraging number of converts and the discouraging opposition, the personal jealousies and headlong activities of some leaders, the resultant lack of discipline and schismatic tendencies, the financial inexpertness of some men, but the capable generalship of others. Sidelights are thrown upon such various activities as the publishing work of the church, the debates over the form of church govern-

ment, the controversies over slavery, the character of the preaching, the organization of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, the pecuniary difficulties of the ministry. The historian of Methodism is thus provided with a rich store of primary sources of undoubted authenticity.

The Cooper Collection should also be of interest to the student of American History. For example, it contains a sermon on the death of George Washington, an account of popular reactions to the Missouri Compromise, evidence of the trade difficulties with the British following the War of Independence, first-hand reports of Irish rebellions, and accounts of conditions in England.

In addition to this purely historical interest, the letters are recommended as fascinating in their own right, human documents that illumine universal experiences. Readers who enjoy authentic and colorful personal records will enjoy some of the entries in the collection. One example is the list of remedies for "dropsey, cancer, soar throat, bowel complaint, sore eyes, Rhumatizm, heaves in a horse," etc.

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CALENDAR
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1785 Jan. 27 to 1792 Aug. 26

Ezekiel COOPER.

Record of preaching engagements, anecdotes, conference memoranda, fragmentary notes for sermons, articles, letters.

A.D.S. 255 pp. 16 cm. x 9.5 cm. Vol. 23. [1]

1789 Mar. 30

Joshua WELLS, Gunp[owde]r Mills [Md.]. To Ezekiel COOPER, Balt[imore, Md.].

"I take the freedom to lay before you some of the Exercises of my Soul"; would like advice; has been member of Methodist Society for about eighteen months; "very many Sore Conflicts and Fiery Trials have I experienced"; feels inspired to preach gospel; wrote Rev. [John] Hagerty of spiritual state; was advised to "stand still"; now awaits opportunity "to speak in the name of the Lord"; tried several times with little success; without relatives, entanglements; free to preach; desires advice before appearing at next Conference as candidate for ministry.

A.L.S. 2 pp. 17 cm. x 15 cm. Vol. 15, MS. 47. [2]

1789 May 25

E[zekiel] C[OOPER], Baltimore [Md.]. To John DICKINS, Philadelphia [Pa.].

Much affected at removal of Francis Spry "from his sublunary conflicts, to his peaceful habitation in the invisible world"; at Brother Hawkins', Spry was afflicted with smallpox; though attended by two physicians and private friends, "all endeavours proved abortive, and he fell victim to the raging merciless harbinger of death"; died at Brother Smith's; preached funeral sermon to fifteen hundred.

A.Df.S. 3 pp. 33 cm. x 20 cm. Vol. 16, MS. 8. [3]

Verso: "If it is thought well of you may put this copy into the [Methodist] Magazine, with what correction you please."

1789 July 7

Thomas COKE, on board the Union, at sea near Irish Channel. To Ezekiel COOPER, Ministers' Lodgings, Annapolis, Maryland.

Will return [to America] in 1791; "next to communion with God, I find communion with his children, especially with the prophets of the Lord, whose views, of course are something similar to my own, delightful"; glad to hear of good work on plantations, especially among Negroes.

L.S. 3 pp. 19 cm. x 15 cm. Vol. 17, MS. 6. [4]

1789 Aug. 11 — Jesse LEE, Stratford [Conn.]. To Ezekiel COOPER, care of Philip Rogers, South St., Baltimore, Maryland.

Received letter of June 6th; pleased with account of work; "Would to God, the same increasing flame was seen & felt in this place"; "but few lively Christians in these parts & I go on for many days together without seeing any one on their knees"; has circuit of 130 miles in circumference, including more than 20 preaching houses; "The Presbyterians has a large Meeting House with a large Steaple & a great Bell for every 4, 5, or 6 Miles"; "The Presbyterians are the Established religion & every person is obliged to pay them, unless they have a Certificate from some other society"; believes time has come for Methodists to concentrate efforts in New England; may ask Bishop [Francis] Asbury to send Cooper to this place after meeting of Council; "If you knew this place, & how many souls are ready to sink into hell, it would make your bowels yearn over them, & I think you would wish to come over & help us"; letters should be sent to "the Preacher at N[ew] York."

A.L.S. 1 p. 28.5 cm. x 19 cm. Vol. 15, MS. 24. [5]

1789 Aug. 14 — Ez[ekiel] COOPER, Baltimore [Md.].

Probably New York has heard accounts of extraordinary work among Methodists in Baltimore; many conversions, sometimes forty a day; quarterly meeting opened Saturday; love feast began Sunday morning; "The place was truly awful because of God's presents"; preaching started at eleven at night; quarterly meeting concluded, greatest work was still to come; Monday morning a few mourners came together in a private house "to be prayed for"; "the work broke out among them"; house filled, crowd gathered in street; many converted, numbers sanctified; continued till dark; repaired to preaching house to continue without intermission until two in morning; "Some two & three hours in constant struggles under the burden of sin, presently would get delivered from their load, then arise and give 'Glory to God'"; some, calling it "a work of ye devil," will represent it in unfavorable light.

A.Df.S. 3 pp. 30 cm. x 18.5 cm. Vol. 16, MS. 9. [6]

1789 Aug. 26 — [Ezekiel COOPER.]

Poems, "On Anxiety," "On the Nativity of Christ."

A.Df. 4 pp. 33 cm. x 21 cm. Vol. 20, MS 20. [7]

1789 Aug. 28 — Ez[ekiel] COOPER, Baltimore [Md.]. To Dr. [Thomas] COKE, England.

Expects to remain in Baltimore until first of November; work continues successfully, with conventions every week; held quarterly meeting here August 8, 9; "we had a melting time & some souls born of God"; "Some of the most unlikely to turn to God, were brought to weep and shudder"; next day was sent to visit the daughter of Mr. B---, "by some called the beauty of

Baltimore who is now beautified with the robes of piety & a happy soul"; found her "weeping & praying but almost exhausted for she had not laid her eyes together all night"; suggested to Mr. B—— that "her penitential sorrow & deep distress" was proof of work of God; at another place "a number of believers were sanctified as well as many mourners and sinners converted"; "I am told that almost in every company of every kind, religion is on the carpet"; "The country circuits are flaming . . . the fires keep kindling in different places"; "I am still in a weakly frame but my soul is happy, I want to spend & be spent for the glory of God & promotion of his cause."

A.Df.S. 4 pp. 31 cm. x 19 cm. Vol. 16, MS. 5. [8]

1789 Oct. 8 — E[zekiel] COOPER, Baltimore [Md.]. To John DICKINS, Philadelphia [Pa.].

Preached funeral sermon in "Duch-church on Howard's Hill" on death of Mrs. Killen; converted four months prior to death; visited her frequently in her last illness; with others, including Sister M——, "sung, prayed, praised, and rejoiced together"; funeral sermon from Deuteronomy, 32:29: "O that they were wise, that they understood this, that they would consider their latter end!"; "May you and I, maturely consider our latter end, and be wise to understand the providence of God, the power, and prerogative of Omnipotence."

A.Df.S. 7 pp. 22.5 cm. x 19 cm. Vol. 16, MS. 11.[9]

1789 Nov. 16 — F[rancis] ASBURY, Fishing Creek [Md.]. To Ezekiel COOPER, Annapolis [Md.].

Opposes incorporation of church; "You have just Ideas of this political scheme"; convinced members now favoring incorporation will "cry out against it" when effects are felt; "You can do something with the Eastern shore Members as a native and you have some acquaintance with Western Members and you may use all your influence if it is not too late"; "if you could be spared to go to Philadelphia I should be glad if the Eastern and Western Line of a choice body of men, for Satan is strongly footed in that city."

A.L.S. 2 pp. 31 cm. x 20 cm. Vol. 18, MS. 1. [10]

Verso: [in Cooper's hand] "Asbury, Rec[eive]d Nov. 19, Answer'd Nov. 30."

1789 Dec. 11 — Ez[ekiel] COOPER. To Sister P---.

Traveled this morning under serious meditation till arrival at Mrs. Vickers'; Mrs. Vickers "an affectionate old lady"; retired to her library; decided to write this letter; "nothing of a sublunary nature is sufficient to constitute a true felicity; yet we often find a propensity of mind to terrestrial objects which often, 'Divide our wavering minds, and leave but half to God'"; Religion "the principal thing and indeed the only that can give a permanent happiness to

man"; hopes this letter will be beginning of a correspondence.
A.Df.S. 2 pp. 31.5 cm. x 20 cm. Vol. 16, MS. 14. [11]

1790 E[zekiel] C[OOPER].
Jan. 15 "I a stranger to you am, I suppose, a 'Brother Methodist' to Mr. N[icholas] Wat[t]ers, the gentleman whom you addressed upon the subject of Methodism and conversion"; "your polemic essay," dated September 25, 1789, received from Watters; gave it an impartial reading; "considering your basis you have done admirably . . . and very probably your epistle might . . . please the prejudi ced"; wishes this answer to be taken as a friendly check to hasty conclusions upon matters "which you have spoken ignorantly of"; conversions are admitted "over no sandy foundation, but on that rock and firm basis which the gates of hell cannot prevail against"; if no objection is made to St. Paul's conversion, none should be made to contemporary "work divine"; Methodists distinguish between conviction and conversion; "conviction is a detection of guilt ——conversion is a renovation of heart"; conversion no less precious for its recent frequent occurrence; "when and where did you see 'riots and revels' in praying, preaching?"; riots and revels ascribed to God only by opponents of conversion; "I would not attempt to say all who are wrought upon are converted anymore than I would say Judas is gone to heaven"; would disapprove of meetings were it not obvious God blesses them as a means to reformation of many.
A.Df.S. 8 pp. 32 cm. x 19 cm. Vol. 20, MS. 17. [12]
Verso: "Answer to N. Water."

1790 Emory PRYOR, Dorset Circuit [Md.]. To Ezekiel COOPER,
Mar. 23 Annapolis [Md.].
Received letter of February 21; "gracious work in this circuit——sinners coming home to God"; Henry Ennalls, wife, sister, housekeeper, Negroes, down to those but eight years old, converted since quarterly meeting; Cambridge [Md.] up in arms over it; received permission to preach in courthouse; quarterly meeting to be held May 22 and 23.
A.L.S. 4 pp. 18 cm. x 15 cm. Vol. 15, MS. 38. [13]

1790 Eze[kiel] COOPER, Annapolis [Md.]. To Francis ASBURY,
Aug. 14 Virginia.
"Nothing has given me more painful feeling than the predicament of the church of God. . . . Satan is a most subtel adversary"; doubtful of judgment; wonders about attitude of preachers to southward upon Council and Constitution; deeply concerned over strife among brethren; wants no voice in case; wants unanimity to reign among them; "I find myself an unprofitable servant and undeserving a name & place among his saints"; desires to meet Cooper at Leesburgh [N. J.]; delightful "stir" [revival] near South and Severn Rivers, south and north of city; [Eliphalet] Reed now married.
A.Df.S. 4 pp. 23 cm. x 19 cm. Vol. 16, MS. 4. [14]

1790 Nov. 8 "A Freeman" [Ezekiel COOPER], Annapolis [Md.]. To Maryland Gazette, Annapolis [Md.].

Liberty is "the grand American shrine"; value of human rights was considered in time of subjection to foreign power; Americans believing "freedom the just due of every man" laid claim to their inalienable rights; right to freedom, then extended to every man, is now denied to certain species of human race; argument that "Negroes were providentially intended to be slaves" is groundless; that "there were slaves of old no more proves the right of slavery now than ancient monarchies and despotic powers prove that we should have a despotic monarchy to rule us with absolute power"; cannot understand men free in principle who persist in holding their fellow creatures in perpetual bondage; any law is inhuman, unjust that counteracts "law of God in nature."

A.Df.S. 2 pp. 31 cm. x 19 cm. Vol. 20, MS. 2. [15]

1790 Nov. 12 F[rancis] ASBURY, Bolingbroke [Md.]. To Ezekiel COOPER, Annapolis [Md.].

Efforts throughout Peninsula only partially blessed; "It seems as though work will go on in Accomack [Accomac, Va.] in spite of Satan and the B--pts."; "a little stir" in some parts of Somerset [County, Pa.]; fully convinced of necessity of constant spirit of prayer in families, societies, publicly, privately; hopes to collect $200 this trip for [Cokesbury] College [Abingdon, Md.]; needs $400; "many poor are pressing upon us and this is my greatest consolation"; perfect unanimity in all conferences; work revives in [New] York, [New] Jersey; 600 souls converted in six months; long rides, large congregations, quarterly meetings every day.

A.L.S. 1 p. 32.5 cm. x 20 cm. Vol. 18, MS. 2. [16]

1790 Nov. 24 to 1802 Sept. 15 Ezekiel COOPER.

Record of preaching engagements, anecdotes, conference memoranda, fragmentary notes for sermons, articles, letters.

A.D.S. 880 pp. 20 cm. x 16 cm. Vol. 2. [17]

1790 Ezekiel COOPER [Annapolis, Md.]. To John WESLEY, London [Eng.].

Hesitated to write because "I thought myself of too little account to intrude upon your golden and precious time"; received letter from [Thomas] Coke "in which your name is so engagingly mentioned that I venture to take my pen with due reverence and address the man whom God has made the leading instrument of spreading his name among so many thousands both in Europe and America"; work of God is pleasing to report; [Cooper quotes from letter of New Jersey presiding elder:] "At nine places I preached upward of twenty sermons, and, 'tis thought, three hundred and fifty were converted"; admires loyalty of Francis Asbury; would like an epistle or circular letter to "your sons in Christ."

A.Df.S. 4 pp. 29 cm. x 18.5 cm. Vol. 16, MS. 1. [18]

1791 Mar. 9 E[zekiel] C[OOPER], Calvert County [Md.]. To Francis ASBURY.

Called here, forty miles from Alexandria [Va.], to preach at funeral of Sister Harris, church member for two years; highly esteemed by her Christian friends; account of her last hours received from Brother B., circuit preacher; son G granted her request that he "turn to the Lord, and save his soul"; now appears much engaged in work; thousand people at funeral; held watch night in Brother Chiles' [John Childs] preaching-house.

A.Df.S. 2 pp. 31 cm. x 19.5 cm. Vol. 16, MS. 2. [19]

1791 Mar. 15 William WEEMS. To Bishop [Francis] ASBURY.

Born in Anne Arundel County, Maryland, March, 1758, of parents "in good circumstances"; brought up in Church of England; now wishes "to publish to the World the frequent and Repeated Moving and Aspirations of the Spirit of God on my Soul as far back as I can Recollect"; in 1778, while serving as lieutenant on board a privateer in West India Islands, "at which time God in power alarmed me of my Danger . . . I was as miserable as it was possible for a Soul to be"; found no rest aboard ship, "Surrounded by a Set of Wicked Saylors"; returned to "Sin and Wickedness as usual and perhaps more so than ever"; arrived at Savannah, Georgia, that year in company with wicked companions; returned to parents until, "being bent on Sin again, went to Sea"; made master of a small vessel; "I do believe if ever a Soul was Engaged to Serve the devil and to be a fit fuel for Hell, I was, during the war"; forgetting "Thoughts about Eternity," would go into action "as Thoughtless as a horse in battle"; remembers one engagement in which enemy had killed and wounded 18 out of about 45 of his men; "I believe then if ever a Soul was Engaged to Revenge blood I was"; at that time craved only "Riches and honours from the World, which I woefully fear will drown many a Soul into perdition"; in September, 1783, after voyaging to France, Holland, London, gave up the sea; in following November, called to St. Augustine, Florida; returned in March to find brothers, sisters "turning fools as I thought by being friendly to the people called Methodists"; "a Thorn in my Side to think my Relations shood so degrade themselves as to Sociate with Such dispisable people"; in July, 1784, "I took me a Companion, at which time both of us [were] Living in Sin"; "fully engaged in the Pomps & Vanity of this World"; "in the same year of our Marriage, in a Ball Room a Nursery for the Devil to train up His children in the Ways of Sin, it was please God there to give my wife to See herself a Sinner, after which she and me attended Methodist preaching at Times"; brothers, sisters joined Methodist Society; "Discord & Uneasiness begin to take place in my Bre[a]st, concluding no more happiness in my family for me"; in 1785, left family for Charleston, South Carolina; passing from North Carolina to South Carolina was

inspired to read [Richard Baxter's] Saints' [Everlasting] Rest; "the more of that I read, more fit I found my Self for Hell"; passing through wilderness, "I was constrained to cry aloud for Mercy . . . it appeared I saw the Horrows of Hell, after which I felt much peace at times"; delivered two letters to Brother Turnels, Methodist preacher in Charleston; returned home; sought wicked companions again; "if any ever reads this, that wish to get to Heaven, be advised by a Friend to come out from among the wicked, or they will perhaps drag Thy Soul down to Hell"; came under conviction in 1787, after a fall from a tree, "which had nearly landed me in Eternity"; would see no one but Brother Jonathan Forrest, Methodist preacher; after recovery, "still fond of the company of the polite and giddy word," returned to wicked ways; ashamed to send for Forrest; at last allowed wife to join Methodist Society; "I then set out to get to Heaven in my own way"; disdained Methodist preachers, because they were unacquainted with "The Languages"; could not believe "they were sent to speak for God and again cood not believe but they got their Sermons by Heart"; at first quarterly meeting at Annapolis, "was allmost constrained to cry out for Mercy"; attended watch night presided over by Brothers Chalmers, Long, Cowlin; so much "Noise & Confusion in the House, I directly concluded it was the Work of the Devil"; Brother Valentine Cook suggested at a meeting that one month be devoted to God; soon afterwards, "I found the Devil a lyer"; attended Brother Forrest's classmeeting; only moderately impressed until afflicted with "a most violent pain in my head"; went home; "I then Saw the Need of Christ, and Bless God, my Dear Jesus did appear as in person"; visited by Brother Forrest; visited Brother Forrest at Brother David's a few days later; attended Brother Forrest's classes; Brother Nowell was leader; visited by Brother Charles Cook; joined Methodist Society on March 12, 1789; "I praise God that My Lot is cast among the poor and Dispised . . . it was a miracle that I ever came from among the Rich and Honourable to become a dispised follower of the Lord."

A.L.S. 8 pp. 31.5 cm. x 20 cm. Vol. 22, MS. 2. [20]

Verso: "Capt. Wm. Weems, 1791, Life" in unidentified hand.

1791
Apr. 18 "A student" [Ezekiel COOPER], Alexandria [Va.]. To GODDARD and ANGELL, Maryland Journal [Baltimore, Md.].

Read article "in justification of Slavery and opposition to liberty" signed "Lawyer" in Journal of April 12; in predicament of slave, Lawyer would hold different opinions; seldom hear any but slave holders, or those under their influence, oppose the equity of enfranchising "the abject sufferers under bondage"; judicious slave holders generally acknolwedge slavery to be a violation of human rights; surprised that Lawyer should quote Scripture "in order to vindi-

cate the violation of the law of God in nature"; "Those to whom he alludes were under the Mosaic, but we are under the Christian dispensation"; "Had Lawyer the eloquence of a Demosthenes or Cicero he would even then find it a hard task to justify the injustice of slavery"; "Behold them toiling, sweating, fainting, bleeding and dying under the iron rod of oppression . . . . Will no one speak a word for those who dare not and cannot speak for themselves!"

A.Df.S. 3 pp. 31 cm. x 20 cm. Vol. 20, MS. 9. [21]

1791 Apr. 19 F[rancis] ASBURY, Petersburg, Va. To Ezekiel COOPER, Alexandria [Va.].

Comforting to hear work goes on in Annapolis [Md.], revives in Alexandria; Brother Ward lost his reason; will be in town for evening meeting on Sabbath; must enter fully into business on Monday morning; General Conference to meet instead of next sitting of Council; will consider "letter from Mr. [John] Wesley, the re-appointment of Brother [Richard] Whatcoat, the strange spirit of murmur here, and what can be done to amend or substitute a Council, and perhaps to implead me on the one part, and a presiding elder and conference on the other"; no court is sufficient but General Conference; "such a trial may make me and others take care how we take such rash, if not unwarrantable, steps."

A.L.S. 1 p. 32 cm. x 20 cm. Vol. 18, MS. 3. [22]

1791 July 25 Ezekiel COOPER, Alexandria, Va.

"A short account of the life and experience of Ezekiel Cooper, written by himself at the desire of, and presented to, Francis Asbury, Bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church in North America [first draft]."

A.Df.S. 54 pp. 18 cm. x 15 cm. Vol. 3. [23]

1791 Aug. 11 Ezekiel COOPER, Alexandria [Va.]. To Bishop [Thomas] COKE, City Road, London [Eng.].

Anxious to hear decision of British Conference on resolutions and government; anticipated "some circumstantial changes" following death of John Wesley; has forebodings relative to General Conference here; minds of many are in agitation; "you are suspected by some of your sincere friends to have conducted yourself with a degree of unkindness to this Connection, and especially to our ever worthy Brother [Francis] Asbury"; "nothing will touch the majority of our preachers sooner and more powerfully than to seek the unjust injury of him who has served them so long and so faithfully"; fears "brother in the lower part of Virginia" [James O'Kelly] too much prejudiced against Asbury; "his ambition carries him to measures unbecoming a servant of Jesus"; minority should submit to majority as voice of community; "I wish to be for no party but the blessed cause of Jesus, and to unite with

that which appears just, wise, and scriptural."
A.Df.S. 4 pp. 20.5 cm. x 17.5 cm. Vol. 16, MS. 6. [24]

1791
Sept. 12 "A Friend To The Tongue" [Ezekiel COOPER], Alexandria [Va.]. To HANSON & BOND [Printers, Virginia Gazette, Alexandria, Va.].

Essay based on text, "If any man among you seem to be religious, and bridleth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion is vain."
A.Df.S. 4 pp. 32 cm. x 20 cm. Vol. 20, MS. 12. [25]

1791
Nov. 25 "A Freeman" [Ezekiel COOPER, Alexandria, Va.]. To "Mr. LOVE TRUTH," Virginia Gazette [Alexandria, Va.].

"Inasmuch as you 'unfortunately differ with me on the subject of slavery,' and are fearful that I, without an answer, 'might get wise in my own conceit' you come forth, wonderously, to humble me"; thankful to be kept humble, but wanted wisdom also; address is "composition of words darkening counsel'without knowledge"; still believes "Freedom the just due on every man"; further argument should be designed to prove "I am wrong or that you are right"; will never be convinced that it is consistent with justice, charity, or reason to deprive human beings of inalienable rights; if it can be proved that civil and domestic slavery is right, then kings and bishops in civil monarchy and ecclesiastical hierarchy may bring in their despotic claims; Africans in America have their rights as well as Americans in Africa.
A.Df.S. 4 pp. 30.5 cm. x 19 cm. Vol. 20, MS. 2. [26]
Verso: "Messrs. Hanson & Bond, Printers."

1791
Dec. 18 Maddox ANDREW, Baltimore [Md.]. To Ezekiel COOPER, Alexandria [Va.].

"God has blessed me with unspeakable love since last evening under our worthy friends prior's [Emory Pryor] exhortation"; remembers February 18, 1790 as day "when the silent hand of Jesus snatched me from the Jaws of Eternal destruction"; "may the Lord bless your Endeavours toward the conversion of souls, may they be caught under your preaching as the birds are in a Snare"; read Cooper's letter to Sister Pamela [Andrew, his wife].
A.L.S. 4 pp. 22.5 cm. x 19 cm. Vol. 15, MS. 2 [27]

1791
Dec. 21 Evan ROGERS, Dover Circuit [Del.]. To Ezekiel COOPER, Alexandria [Va.], care of Geo. Hoffman, Baltimore [Md.].

Received last letter; Brother Foster's illness has doubled burden here; now aided by Brother Causden; work moves slowly; as to Cooper's brother, "I have had no acquaintance yet with him"; has been preaching at Jackson's and Sipple's; "We have the privilege of preaching in the new State House at Dover, but people there are still sinners"; many deaths here; letters should be directed to Brother [John] Hagerty in Baltimore; Thomas Foster now married to "a Miss Wright."
A.L.S. 4 pp. 17 cm. x 18 cm. Vol. 15, MS. 39. [28]

1791 "A Freeman" [Ezekiel COOPER], Annapolis [Md.]. To GREEN, Editor of Maryland Gazette [Annapolis, Md.].

"Chearfully cast my eye" over last issue of paper "in search of some tidings from my friendly correspondent 'A True Friend to the Union'"; supposes latter is silent because "he is fully convinced that my principles correspond with those of our country, and that he as a friend to the Union, should be a friend to every human being in it"; "the 'absurd idea' which the attorney general could not beat out of the jury in the trial of the Indian murderer---under your Philadelphia head (Sunbury, Northumberland [Pa.]) in the last is similar to that of many in judging the cause of right and justice, bondage and freedom between a black and white man"; thinks it "melancholy" that enlightened citizens should be so blind; astonished at citizens of Maryland; laments cruelty of some slaveholders; grieved to hear of a "vessel now waiting in for a cargo of human flesh as merchandise"; was told by gentleman from Charleston [S. C.] that many citizens resent this practice; "One says 'who could buy them?' I say who could sell them?"; liberties of people depend much upon freedom of press; "I hope ever to be a friend of the liberties of the people, a foe to tyranny and have the privilege of citizenship in America."

A.Df.S. 4 pp. 31 cm. x 20 cm. Vol. 20, MS. 6. [29]

1791 Ezekiel COOPER, Alexandria, Virginia.

[Final draft on autobiographical sketch recorded in entry 23.]

A.Df.S. 54 pp. 18 cm. x 15 cm. Vol. 1. [30]

1791 "A Freeman" [Ezekiel COOPER], Annapolis [Md.]. To "Friend To The Union," Maryland Gazette, Annapolis [Md.].

"He that strikes at liberty strikes at the Constitution and foundation of the Union"; sorry that any American should be unwilling to allow every individual his just claim; suggests reading of [Thomas] Clarkson's Essay on the Impolicy of the African Slave-trade, the Slavery and Commerce of the Human Species; heard lately from gentleman of Charleston, S. C., that "humane citizens of feeling there are surprised and grieved at the numerous public sales of Negroes from Maryland and elsewhere"; every man of feeling should use his influence "to put a period to this shameful practice."

A.Df.S. 4 pp. 31 cm. x 20 cm. Vol. 20, MS. 5. [31]

[1791] Ez[ekiel] COOPER.

Notes from a sermon preached by Mr. McClain.

A.Df.S. 4 pp. 20 cm. x 15 cm. Vol. 7, MS. 48. [32]

Verso: "Dr. Brother. Here I enclose the letter [missing] which informs of Mrs. H[arris]'s death designed for the [Methodist] Magazine."

[1791?] "A Freeman" [Ezekiel COOPER]. To GREEN, Maryland Gazette, Annapolis [Md.].

In last week's paper discovered "a piece of poetry, doggeral double-distilled, directed to me with the signature Abaris"; since it was only "an opprobrious subterfuge" will deal briefly with it; signature will be text of present structure; Abaris signifies "a Scythian . . . with the gift of prophecy . . . [who] travelled swiftly through the air without eating, and gave oracles in all parts"; probably Abaris prophesied success of schemes for liberty; only wisdom of civil government under providence of God will effect change; not fate; probably original Abaris conquered power of hunger as this one wishes to conquer power of equity, reason; food of instruction might add to prudence, make oracles wiser; Abaris would be more successful in country of tyrannical power, "where avarice substitutes subterfuges, prejudice, ambition and hypothesis for argument, justice, truth, and reason"; Abaris says in rhymes that liberated slaves would go in "rags, dirt, be lazy, steal and court the gallows"; many, instead, are "industrious, civil people"; generally, slaves would not steal so much in freedom as in bondage; cruelty of masters not so general as formerly; slaves receive "five or six ears of corn a day for their whole and only support, and no time to grind and cook that, but the hours allotted for sleep"; if one of twenty steals, all are branded "rogue"; honest and innocent receive no redress; wonders that they are not worse, having no character to gain or lose; very sure Abaris himself is no match for "Phil[l]is Wheatley (a Negro girl) in poetry"; as much against whites "taking 'black wives' or husbands as Abaris himself"; if such is ever the case, Negroes will not be to blame; thinks Abaris "had better never appear again, till he has arguments to defend his opinion"; is ready always to receive a friendly letter.

A.Df.S. 4 pp. 30 cm. x 18 cm. Vol. 20, MS. 4. [33]

1792 Feb. 6 "A Friend" [Ezekiel COOPER]. To HANSON & BOND, Printers, Virginia Gazette, Alexandria, Va.

"In the last Gazette, I made free to animadvert, a little, upon an unbridled tongue"; now continues discussion of same subject; "One tattler effects another, and so the contagion flies from character to character . . . till the complaint becomes quite epidemical and thousands lie groaning under the loathsome disease"; "Retorting or retaliating censure for censure or slander for slander, striving to recommend or justify ourselves by defaming or condemning another, does neither justice to the cause, honour to ourselves, nor satisfaction to friendly spectators."

A.Df.S. 3 pp. 31 cm. x 18.5 cm. Vol. 20, MS. 14. [34]

1792 Feb. 20 Thomas MORRELL, Charleston [S. C.]. To Ezekiel COOPER, Alexandria, Va.

Arrived here February 12; conferences in Virginia, North

Carolina all harmony; seventy miles from here, heard how William Hammett induced greater part of Society to join him; failure to be appointed general assistant of West Indies by British Conference, fear of answering for some malicious, ill-natured reflections spoken against [Francis] Asbury and preachers in general were reasons for persuading about twenty-five whites and thirty-five colored to follow him in separation; Asbury hurt that division should take place; last evening Asbury gave full account of his conduct toward Hammett to satisfaction of Society; at North Carolina Conference appointed Jesse Richardson to this place; found him excellent man, but unfit; at request of Bishop, Conference, Society, "I consented to tarry here for 2 or 3 months, tho' I can only preach at most twice a week"; Asbury requested Morrell to urge Cooper to come immediately and consider Charleston as his station the ensuing year; some of Hammett's party have showed disposition to return; "Excepting three persons, he has only the chaff of the Society---for but three among his adherents profess either to be awakened or converted---such is the curse attending the taking of unawakened persons into Society; they have always kept the Society here in disputes"; to ingratiate himself, Hammett allows members too much latitude; tends toward money, show, a wordly church; "I expect, through a blessing, we shall shake the devil's kingdom in this fasionable and luxurious city"; clothes should be sent by water, care of Edgar Wells, merchant, 10 Broad Street, or to John McDowell, merchant, 104 Broad Street; regards to Brother, Sister Hickman, and friends; "If all our force is not directed against this first defection, we may expect more European adventurers."

A.L.S. 4 pp. 28 cm. x 19 cm. Vol. 15, MS. 36. [35]

[1792 Feb.] "A Friend" [Ezekiel COOPER]. To [Messrs. HANSON & BOND, Printers] Virginia Gazette [Alexandria, Va.].

[Contents of this MS. are same as those calendared in entry 34.]

A.Df.S. 3 pp. 18.5 cm. x 15 cm. Vol. 7, MS. 11. [36]

1792 Mar. 4 Jesse LEE, Boston [Mass.]. To Ezekiel COOPER, Alexandria [Va.].

Brother D[aniel] Smith, traveling companion, still afflicted with rheumatism; Brother Robert Bonsall, from New York, also accompanies; need for dozen more preachers; Lynn, "great place for Methodists"; have small class in Marblehead; few in other places; no preaching in Salem at present; today, for first time in this town, preached three times in schoolhouse; never before preached here on Sabbath at usual hours; could do well here, if a preacher remained in town; Calvinism on decline, though very strong yet; reported work much revived in Connecticut; also in Philadelphia; letter should be sent

care of John Taylor, merchant, 7 Long Wharf, Boston.
A.L.S. 1 p. 28 cm. x 17 cm. Vol. 15, MS. 25. [37]

1793 May 17 — Nancy SIMMS, Alexandria [Va.]. To [Ezekiel COOPER.]
Received letter dated March 15th; "I fear I shall never myself become a real Christian"; "I feel a degree of uneasiness and humility on finding that nothing I now do is acceptable to God"; "I feel a degree of watchfulness against every known sin whether it be a sin of commission or omission in thought, word or deed"; Mr. Simms pleased that he was remembered in last letter; pleased also with Mr. Cosden; enjoys his company; Mr., Mrs. Territ send regards; spent yesterday at home with Mr. Cosden; Molly, Milly, and children desire to be remembered, along with other Alexandria friends.
A.L.S. 4 pp. 23 cm. x 19 cm. Vol. 15, MS. 43. [38]

1793 Nov. 23 — F[rancis] ASBURY, Petersburg[h, Va.]. To Ezekiel COOPER, at Mr. Burrill's, Boston [Mass.].
"I am yet moving southward and heavenward"; spent some comfortable hours at places in Maryland, Virginia where had preached more than twenty years ago; report that 700 members, 30 preachers are about to withdraw may not be as formidable as feared; is to receive petition to call conference of ministers, people, to redress grievances; left unheard, they will withdraw; "western country is much distressed"; must go to Nantucket [R. I.]; "the church and school will suffer more with my absence than presence"; work in Massachusetts "calls for great occonomy and great sensing the tender plans"; "great and general sickness"; letters should be sent to [John] Dickins, Holston, [Va.], or Fort Pitt [Pa.]; urges that union be kept with people, and preachers upon proper charges.
A.L.S. 1 p. 30 cm. x 18 cm. Vol. 18, MS. 4. [39]

1794 Apr. 10 — John DICKINS, Phila[delphia, Pa.]. To Ezek[ie]l COOPER, Boston [Mass.].
Received letter of March 8 "as well as the one alluded to in that"; "in respect to your quitting the traveling connexion, I must say, it appears to me you are under a temptation"; should retire if necessity compels; "But why go home to read and live retired?"; "If you cannot run with the horsemen, you may run with the footmen"; has heard of several who have declined the work; others intend to do so; "O my brother! if you are under no necessity to marry, stick by the work till nature is worn out."
A.L.S. 1 p. 32 cm. x 19 cm. Vol. 15, MS. 18. [40]

1794 July 23 — Thomas COKE, Bristol [Eng.]. To Ezekiel COOPER, Boston [Mass.].
Dr. Davidge's return to America affords opportunity "to assure you of the unalterable love I bear you and the Methodist Convention in the States of America"; since returning from West

Indies, has twice visited Holland, Ireland, principal societies in England; now trying "to make myself a perfect Master of the French Language, that we may exert our utmost efforts for the saving of souls in France, when in the Providence of God peace is established"; raising funds for missions; work in West Indies now costs about 1200 pounds a year; 10,000 converted during last year in County of York; "the great flame has quite penetrated" the circuits of Leeds, Halifax, Dewsbury, Bristol, Huddersfield, Sheffield, Rotherham, Keighley, Hull, Rockington, Wakefield, York, Bradford; meetings commonly last till midnight, one, two, three, four in the morning; "often they have lasted all night, and in some instances for successive nights"; "100 have been set at liberty in the Wakefield Circuit in one night"; cries of mourners, agonizings of preachers in behalf of distressed, "equal if not exceed, anything which has been known even in the States of America"; Lancashire, Durham have caught flame; intends to draw up account of this work; will send 200 copies; letters should be addressed to New Chapel, City Road, London; plans to make visit to America year after next; Henry Taylor, Methodist Chapel, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, wishes to correspond.

A.L.S. 2 pp. 22 cm. x 18 cm. Vol. 17, MS. 1. [41]

1794 July — Ezekiel COOPER.

"On Virtue, The pleasant task," a poem composed for Maria Benit.

A.Df.S. 4 pp. 30 cm. x 19 cm. Vol. 20, MS. 18. [42]

1794 Aug. 16 — Ezekiel COOPER, Lynn [Mass.]. To Methodist Society, Baltimore [Md.].

Sending this letter by Adam Fonerdam; recalls former days with Society; derives consolation from meditation upon "memorable displays of Almighty Power"; trusts brethren are humbly grateful for a prosperous, flourishing Society; "Time nor space can ever separate the minds of Christian friends"; "still toiling in Masters Vineyard."

A.L.S. 4 pp. 29 cm. x 17 cm. Vol. 16, MS. 12. [43]

1795 Jan. 2 — F[rancis] ASBURY, Charleston [S. C.]. To Ezekiel COOPER, 20 John St., New York [N. Y.].

Brother [John] Hughes is dead; Capt. Darrell, William Adams, drowned; steady increase of members; debts are paid; visits to Charleston improve feelings; would appreciate accounts of work in East; should be sent to Charleston, Holston [Va.], Baltimore, Philadelphia, Boston, or Hartford [Conn.]; hopes "something valuable" will take place in [New] York during 1795; attention to be paid to Discipline; will visit from house to house, but not to eat and drink; pointedly against that; preachers will visit as doctors, to plead cause of souls; "few city preachers but what have been spoiled for poor

man's preacher."
A.L.S. 2 pp. 34 cm. x 21 cm. Vol. 18, MS. 5. [44]

1795
Mar. 2 Lawrence McCOMBS, White Plains [N. Y.]. To Ezekiel COOPER, New York [N. Y.].

"I have wanted to open my mind to you for some time, and did send to you by Bro[ther] Hutchinson to the same purport"; has sustained considerable loss in traveling; now determined to be cautious; still would sustain considerable loss before neglecting appointment given by Bishop [Francis Asbury]; will not come to city before three months; holds appointment to work both in town and country; "My creature cannot be kept without considerable expense---Therefore I do not think it fair play for me to be at such expense, when it is not my turn in Town"; "But if the Brethren in [New] York are willing to pay for the keeping of my Creature I will come to York"; if not, would prefer to stay in country; has felt opposition from different quarters "to prevent my progress in Religion"; feels resolute to do the will of God.

A.L.S. 2 pp. 30 cm. x 18 cm. Vol. 15, MS. 33. [45]

1795
Apr. 23 T[homas] COKE, Ireland. To Ezekiel COOPER [New York, N. Y.].

Occupied with church and press; still does not forget American brethren in prayer; last year was greatest Methodism has ever known in Europe; rapid progress in West Indies in spite of war and pestilence; about 9,000 Negro members in Society; yellow fever swept off four most useful preachers in twelve months; six missionaries sent over in that time; missions in nine of the islands; no outward attack or inward insurrection since establishment of missions; at Sierra Leone, Africa, 400 Nova Scotia Negroes are members of Society; will plant colony of Methodists in interior of Africa, 500 miles from coast; these people, lately discovered, are mild, peaceable, tolerably civilized; way to East Indies not yet opened; American brethren should pray for universal reign of Christ; Europe now suffers great calamities; just beginning tour through Ireland; wants letter at first opportunity directed to New Chapel, City Road, London; hopes to be in Baltimore by 20th of October, next year, to meet [Francis] Asbury, brethren in General Conference; writing commentary on Bible; will begin to print about October; pleased to hear that district schools are prospering; pleads for increased efforts to convert Negroes; religious liberty will compensate for their temporal slavery; sees coming of civil and religious liberty all over world; Methodist preachers can be chief instrument for this desirable state.

A.L.S. 3 pp. 35 cm. x 22 cm. Vol. 17, MS. 2. [46]

1795
Dec. 10 E[zekiel] COOPER, South River [Md.]. To R. Roy, Baltimore [Md.].

Received answer to last letter November 14; "I am afraid you misunderstood me in my treatise on reasoning or it may be

I wrote hastily & unguardedly"; reason should not be set up "as a standard against revelation which if I remember I granted to be true reason itself"; "there is a danger, very great danger to substitute reason in its depraved uncertain state as a standard by which we account for things relative to religion."

A.Df.S. 4 pp. 21 cm. x 16.5 cm. Vol. 16, MS. 7. [47]

1797 Oct. 24 — Francis ASBURY, Baltimore [Md.]. To Ezekiel COOPER, at Capt. Dawson's, Wilmington, Del.

"I am absent from Conference by weakness of body"; hopes Standing Committee will magnify their office, show taste and spirituality; wishes "to print nothing but sterling sense and sentiments"; "my grief is, I am bishop alone"; if could be done, would give honor, office of bishop to another; asks that few letters written thirty years ago, copied and preserved by friend [Maddox?] Andrew, be printed in [Methodist] Magazine; "You, in your annual distant station, can hardly conceive the mischief and abuse we meet with from unchristian and illiberal minds"; next Sabbath hopes to preach in "the new building"; last Lord's day, spoke on death of Martha Allison; wishes "Notes on the Discipline" printed in January; "Letters" should be omitted; "And about Brother [John] Dickins' allowance, put it all to death; it is no article of faith or Discipline"; will be very free in giving opinion on any subject suggested by Committee.

A.L.S. 4 pp. 23 cm. x 18 cm. Vol. 18, MS. 6. [48]

1797 Dec. 6 — Thomas COKE, New York [N. Y.]. To Ezekiel COOPER [Wilmington, Del.].

Has long groaned in spirit over loss suffered when married ministers are forced to withdraw from general work for want of support; desires to devote sixty pounds per annum to aid married ministers till there is regular and sufficient support for them on following plan: if a valuable married or unmarried man is about to withdraw because of insufficient support, he is to be offered twenty pounds a year till sufficient support is provided; if offer is accepted, the itinerant will be given draft or bill of exchange for twenty pounds at John Bebbington's, umbrella maker, City Road, London [Eng.]; another twenty pounds will be offered the next year; three ministers may be assisted on this plan; one thus assisted will be expected to take pains in circuit to collect salary; plan should be kept secret, as discovery might prevent assistance of friends in bearing traveling expenses; agent in London will be given sufficient directions; if in any case twenty or twenty-four pounds Pennsylvania currency is thought sufficient, allowance may be fixed accordingly.

A.L.S. 4 pp. 20 cm. x 16 cm. Vol. 17, MS. 3. [49]

1798 Feb. 22 — Jupiter GIBSON, Philadelphia [Pa.]. To Ezekiel COOPER, Wilmington [Del.].

Great revival has taken place in churches; meetings con-

tinue until ten or twelve o'clock; both Negroes, whites converted; Bethel Church is particularly crowded; "Backsliders are Reclaim'd & the old Believers getting more zele for the Glory of God"; "Mr. [James] Moor[e']s appointment amongst us has proved a Great Blessing"; Mr. Lee is well; "we have no Opposition or Persecution"; "the enemies of the work look with Wonder, the L[or]d restrains them"; Henry Manly's exhortations are indispensable at meetings; this letter, "Signed by Order of the Board," was to be sent to Bishop [Francis Asbury], "but we found the Direction was not Right."

A.L.S. 4 pp. 22.5 cm. x 19 cm. Vol. 15, MS. 1. [50]

1798 Apr. 21 T[homas] COKE, London [Eng.]. To Ezekiel COOPER, at Capt. Dawson's, Wilmington, Delaware.

Agreeable passage from America to England in twenty-two days and a half; work going well all over England; believes numbers lost in schism will be made up by next Conference, end of July; unless particularly wanted in America, will spend next winter in England; hopes to settle affairs here; received reviving accounts of work in West India Islands; have now nearly 10,000 "poor heathen truly awakened"; return to England at request of British Conference, on advice of Bishop [Francis] Asbury and Virginia Conference, does not dissolve solemn engagements made at last General Conference in America; return to England was providential; preachers so alarmed at schism that West Indies work seemed to be almost forgotten; "now endeavoring to set that whole business on a solid basis"; sends with this packet a letter from Mr. Mather, who wants to correspond; preparing "my Commentary" for press; otherwise would write more.

A.L.S. 2 pp. 29 cm. x 19 cm. Vol. 17, MS. 4. [51]

1798 Apr. 23 Maddox ANDREW, Baltimore [Md]. To Ezekiel COOPER, Wilmington [Del.].

"I just had a slight glance of your favor to my wife of the 22"; took care to see letter directed to "Mrs. P. Andrews" in right hands; regrets not having written before to "my spiritual father E. C."; anticipates meeting "where parting shall be no more"; was surety for Richard Parrott in amount of $5000; religion prospers except for persecution from local preachers and "old professors"; saw Mrs. Woods; she is spiritually well, but afflicted with cancer.

A.L.S. 4 pp. 33 cm. x 19 cm. Vol. 15, MS. 3. [52]

This letter appears on the same MS. with the letter calendared in entry 53.

1798 Apr. 23 Pamela ANDREW, Baltimore [Md.]. To Ezekiel COOPER, Wilmington [Del.].

Mrs. Woods, since birth of infant, declining in health; "when you want a letter from My Husband direct one to me to the care of M. A. and you will be sure to get one"; sends Mr. Harper's love; heard nothing "that prejudiced our minds against you"; hence there was no reason for not writing.

A.L.S. 4 pp. 33 cm. x 19 cm. Vol. 15, MS. 3. [53]

This letter appears on the same MS. with the letter calendared in entry 52.

1798 Oct. 4 — Francis ASBURY, Germantown [Pa.]. To Ezekiel COOPER, Wilmington, Delaware.

"What I have greatly feared for years hath now taken place, [John] Dickins, the generous, the Just, the faithful, skillfull, Dickins is Dead!"; "It is to you and you only, I can Look at present . . . to assist Asbury Dickins in Conducting our work"; [Methodist] Magazine must be continued; five or ten thousand Hymn Books are needed; [Jesse] Lee, if furnished with proper papers, will collect money in South; hopes to be at Isaac Hersay's on Friday; left "long lost manuscript" with Betsy Dickins; must be read over; wants to confront [James] O'Kelly, now in Philadelphia, with letters he wrote to [John] Wesley and Dr. [Thomas Coke]; will attend "republican Conference" with Lee and others; will demand name of author of "Christicola," as charges are false.

A.L.S. 2 pp. 33.5 cm. x 21 cm. Vol. 18, MS. 7. [54]

1798 Dec. 18 — T[homas] COKE, New Chapel, City Road, London [Eng.]. To Ezekiel COOPER, Philadelphia [Pa.].

Next September will embark for New York; if there is peace will go to West Indies on way; through schism lost about 5000 members, "some hundreds of whom were as troublesome men as perhaps ever plagued a Church of Christ"; added about 7000; "Brethren in Ireland have been preserved in wonderful manner"; preachers taken prisoners by "Rebels"; went to Ireland at height of rebellion; "well that, under God, I did, they would not otherwise have been able to hold their Conference"; whole kingdom under martial law; "Generals, Colonels, & Commanders even of detached parties of the Military, as well as Justices of the Peace, had the power of trying for life and death"; some, "at open enmity to the Cause of God," stopped work entirely; "providentially, my most intimate Friend of all the Laity, perhaps in Europe or the World, Mr. [Alexander] Knox, was appointed Under Secretary of State"; with his assistance received order allowing Conference to be held without molestation; assured protection to preachers in traveling in six counties where work was put down by local authorities; lost many chapels; building new ones; because of this no public collection was taken for West Indies work; sent nine missionaries there this year; three more to be sent immediately; work there will cost upwards of two thousand pounds; about 11,000 in Society in West Indies; violent persecution of Methodists on Island of Jersey; men are in militia, "but our Friends would not learn the exercise & go through the military evolutions on the Lords Day"; were willing to keep guard, fight for defense; many Methodists reduced to poverty by fines; many imprisoned in "small dark solitary cells of about seven feet square"; government passed law banishing Methodists able to bear arms, including their families; appeal to King and Council resulted in annulment of law; Methodists "unspeakably obliged to their Govern-

ment"; work in America "lies exceedingly near my heart"; work will never flourish until further provision is made for married ministry; will be ruined if remedy is not devised.

A.L.S. 4 pp. 29.5 cm. x 18 cm. Vol. 17, MS. 5. [55]

Verso: "Forwarded by Brother Stephenson, Elder."

1799 Jan. 8 — Francis ASBURY, Charleston [S. C.]. To Ezekiel COOPER, 40 Market St., Philadelphia [Pa.].

"I anticipated the difficulties that would come in your way, of conducting the Book Concern"; money cannot be sent without "proper security for our property"; letters from [Thomas] Haskins, Asbury Dickins while Conference was in session here; Conference voted to continue work; several books to be published immediately; Conference agreed that committee should consider contents of Cooper's letter, received this day; may be impossible to carry on work in Philadelphia in future; [Jesse] Lee will collect money; asks that list of money paid to "the Executors" be kept, with list of books sold; difficult "to talk at the distance of 700 miles"; "infirmity and the general abuse I have had from men that have risen up against us . . . maketh me very cautious in my movements"; "If I should not write to Br[other] Haskins you may shew him this letter and welcome"; [following dated Jan. 9] "I have been employed in dictating near 300 pages in answer to Mr. [James] O'Kelley's spite and malice"; had six boarders during Conference; letters may be sent to Norfolk [Va.] or Newbern [N. C.]; will be at Norfolk in March; "pleasing growth" in work in South.

A.L.S. 3 pp. 33.5 cm. x 20 cm. Vol. 18, MS. 8. [56]

This letter appears on same MS. with the letter calendared in entry 57.

1799 Jan. 9 — Jesse LEE, Charleston [S. C.]. To Ezekiel COOPER, 40 Market St., Philadelphia [Pa.].

Has received [Francis] Asbury's permission to order publication of one to two thousand copies of "the Minutes of the last year's Conference"; if Philadelphia Conference disapproves, Lee will provide funds for their publication; printing will probably be done in Baltimore; believes Book Concern will be moved to Baltimore; Asbury Dickins had the Minutes; expects to collect "a good deal of Book Money"; will not send it on until "some Methodist Man is willing to receive it & answer for it"; will be in Newbern [N. C.] by middle of February; in Norfolk [Va.] last of March; expects to have four or five hundred dollars in few days for Book Concern.

A.L.S. 3 pp. 33.5 cm. x 20 cm. Vol. 18, MS. 8. [57]

This letter appears on the same MS. with letter calendared in entry 56.

1799 Jan. 12 — T[homas] COKE, Island of Jersey. To Ezekiel COOPER, John Street, New York [N. Y.].

Sending this letter by pious captain of American ship sailing from Guernsey; "endaavoring to put an end to a very

dreadful persecution of our people here"; King and Council have aided in bringing it to happy conclusion; was in Ireland at height of rebellion there; employed much time in gaining protection of government for suffering preachers; without this, would not have held Conference; will visit Ireland again next spring; will return to English Conference in July; will set off for New York early in September; "I continually bemoan that great deficiency among you---the want of support for a married ministry"; in the power of General Conference to remedy this deficiency; schism in England is confirmed; lost 5000; but since added 7000; now "rid of as troublesome a set of people as ever, I think, plagued a church of Christ"; their head, Alexander Kilham, died by swallowing mutton chop bone; entirely responsible for raising money for work in West Indies; many chapels built this year to replace chapels lost by schism; twelve able missionaries sent over within eleven months; three have families; expense of work this year will be about 2,400 pounds; about 11,000 in West Indies.

A.L.S. 4 pp. 21 cm. x 17.5 cm. Vol. 17, MS. 7. [58]

1799 Feb. 26 — Richard BASSETT, Dover [Del.]. To Ezekiel COOPER, care of Thomas Haskins, Philadelphia [Pa.].

Yesterday received enclosure, letter of February 13; needs prayers of friends; still "exposed to a variety of Views in life which are adverse to a Religious one"; "I can with some firmness declare I had rather be a Doorkeeper in the House of God, than Dwell in the tents of wicke[d]ness for a Season"; hopes to live and die a Christian; "you are perfectly right in not intangling yourself with the Book business until you can see your way clear"; hopes "to through [throw] in my mite for the Removing Conference to the State of Delaware"; hopes Cooper will not oppose his wishes on this subject; brother [Richard] was with him yesterday and is well.

A.L.S. 2 pp. 32 cm. x 19 cm. Vol. 15, MS. 6. [59]

[1799] — [Ezekiel COOPER.]

"Why not remove to Balt[imore]"; should not move Book Concern because of "expense & risk"; Philadelphia location fixed by General Conference; no power given to Philadelphia Conference to remove it; Baltimore Conference not consulted; present workmen were assured labor in Philadelphia; removal would cause "a great stoppage & delay in the work"; "After the vote of Conference for removal, certain persons began to boast, how they had prevailed in having the business removed"; told "G. R." no removal would be made if they continued boasting, especially [Charles] Cavender, [Solomon] Sharp; informed by [Thomas H.] Sargent "the vote was in consequence of my statement to the Conference."

A.Df. 2 pp. 25 cm. x 20.5 cm. Vol. 13, MS. 2. [60]

[1800 Feb. 22] — [Ezekiel COOPER.] To "Brethren, Friends & Fellow Citizens."

It is recommended "in commemoration of the late celebrated George Washington . . . that there be on this day Eulogiums, Orations or Discourses delivered"; civil and religious rights should be maintained against "every secret machination or Public attack of domestic or foreign foes"; should acknowledge God "governor of the Universe and that by him Empires Rise and fall"; should give thanks to God for men like Washington and [John] Adams; Washington's "personal appearance was majestic . . . . His countenance was the index of an extraordinary mind"; "To view him when walking, riding or seated in silence, you would naturally suppose that in him a noble soul had its habitation"; "In his early life and juvenile years he turned his attention to useful studies, calculated to qualify him for important services to his Country"; "when a little more than twenty years of age was appointed on an Embassy of several hundred miles through the wilderness, which he undertook on foot, with his provissions on his back accompanied by only one person"; later defended himself, with small company, against "enemy of vast superior force in point of number at what is called in Remembrance thereof Fort Necessity [Md.]"; at Monongahela River, on fall of [Maj. Gen. Edward] Braddock, "the good management, bravery and firmness of the courageous young Washington were admirably displayed in so covering the retreat as to save the army from the merciless vengeance of an insensed enemy"; "President [Samuel] Davi[e]s, of Prince Town College," in a discourse, prophesied "that in all probability Providence had wonderously preserved the life of young Washington for some great future events and services to his country, which in due time was fully verified"; during Revolutionary War was heard to groan, "'O Lord it appears as if the world were on my shoulders'"; he knew "as a moral agent that the best efforts of men were to be used as secondary means to accomplish the ends and purposes of Providence"; he "wept to see the distresses of the soldiery and with a fathers pity his heart has melted at their woe"; "With deep and solemn thoughts have I surveyed the ground, where a renouned [Joseph] Warren and others fell"; enemy compelled to evacuate Boston; Charlestown left in ashes, ruin; at New York, Washington and forces were ready to oppose enemy; touching scenes at Staten Island, Long Island, York Island, White Plains; in New Jersey he was pursued by a large army; "Washington said to his officers in counsell, 'We will retreat into Pennsylvania and if we cannot be reinforced there, we will retreat into Virginia, and if we are not supported there we will retire over the mountains and do the best we can, for I do not feel as if my neck was ever made for a halter'"; "devised a plan, tho' arduous and apparently dangerous . . . to recross the Delaware at Trenton"; because of cold weather, "mountains of ice in the river," distressed soldiers, "variety of almost insurmountable obstructions, the adventure was truly astonishing"; scene of war switched to [New] Brunswick [N. J.], Morris[town, N. J.], upper part of Jersey to Philadelphia"; enemy came up

"Chesapeak[e] & landed near Elkton [Md.] to march thro[ugh] the country"; at Germantown "they again feel powers of Continental soldiers"; Washington overtook fleeing enemy at Monmouth [N. J.]; should remember brave [Brig. Gen. Richard] Montgomery, capture of [Lt. Gen. John] Burgoyne with his army, campaign in South under [Nathanael] Green[e], capture of [Lt. Gen. Charles] Cornwallace [Cornwallis] at York, Virginia; "it must be acknowledged that the British officers and soldiers are valiant men"; this consideration contributes to immortalise name of Washington; following War, Washington appeared before Congress, "then sitting in Annapolis, in Maryland and delivers up his commission to the Representatives of the people."

A.Df. 18 pp. 27.5 cm. x 22.5 cm. Vol. 9, MS. 1. [61]

1800 Mar. 29 — Wm. COULTER, Dorchester County, Maryland. To Ezekiel COOPER, care of Mrs. Archibald Lester [?], Phila[delphia, Pa.]

Is sending "enclosed Naritives in order to be published in the Monthly Numbers of the Methodist Magazine hopeing that it may be useful to the Serious Reader"; written "from a sense of the Duty of and to the memmory of the best of wives as well as Complying with the injunctions of those who watch over me in the Church of God"; will remove in few days six hundred miles from here; mentions wife's maiden name because "since her death I intermarried with another of the same name who is since dead and I hop in Paradise also"; craves "an interest in your prayers."

A.L.S. 2 pp. 31 cm. x 19 cm. Vol. 15, MS. 14. [62]

Annotation by "T. C., Member of the Methodist Society near Lewes Sussex County S[outh] D[elaware]": "The enclosed was put into my hands to correct & send forward to you, but find myself not capable . . . if you can collect the substince without relating the whole I think it will answer a better purpose, it is b[a]dly wrote and worse spelt."

Enclosure: See entry 63.

1800 Mar. 29 — W[illiam] C[OULTER], Dorchester County, Maryland. To Editor [Ezekiel COOPER] of Methodist Magazine [Philadelphia, Pa.].

"Spirit of Truth," advice of religious friends, reasons for giving account of death of Sarah Coulter, born Bailey; previously unwilling to rehearse subject of such heartfelt sorrow; now lives fifty miles from place of her death and tomb, Lewes, Sussex County; removing family to "City" five hundred miles from here; with wife, joined Methodists, "God's people"; few months later, she was delivered from "the Bondage of Sin and its consequences, the fear of Death and Hell"; "she lived a pious and exampler life till her death"; fatal illness began October 27, 1789; days later "Doc. W" was called; unable to come, sent medicine; "her sister P. was sent for"; told those around her bed of "hopes of a blessed immortallity in the realms above"; "about sunsett brother T. J.

a circuit preacher came in with brother A. and sister A. to see her"; requested preparation of funeral clothes; "cryed out with a strong and distinct voice 'oh death where is thy sting, oh grave where is thy victory'"; requested that hymns be sung before her death; died December 4, 1789; hopes for similar happy death.

A.L.S. 8 pp. 20 cm. x 16 cm. Vol. 7, MS. 1. [63]
Enclosed with the MS. calendared in entry 62.

1800 June 11 — T[homas] COKE, Long. 45, Lat. 43.5. To Ezekiel COOPER, Philadelphia [Pa.].

Sending this by New York ship; love to Brother, Mrs. Baker, all the ministers, Mrs., Wm. Comessys; out eleven days and half; nearly half way on passage; wind is ahead.

A.L.S. 1 p. 21 cm. x 17 cm. Vol. 17, MS. 8. [64]

[1800] — J[ohn] HARPER [Charleston, S. C.]. To Ezekiel COOPER, 47 North Fourth St., Philadelphia [Pa.].

Five boxes of books sent by Captain Wheland, three by Captain Switzer, arrived safely; still need hymn books; "We have lately had a good deal of Trouble, on acc[oun]t of the address from the G[eneral] Conference, on the subject of Emancipation"; "My House was beset on the 22 of last month, by (I suppose) two Hundred angry Men, with a lawier of Note at their head, who uttr'd great Threats"; following Sunday evening "I was encompass'd with a numerous Band of the Champions of Liberty"; was defended by friends, "who now bear the Marks of hard Blows"; next day at public prayermeeting "the mob got hold of Bro[ther George] Dougherty, struck him, threw him down, Drag'd him to a Pump and Pump'd water upon him"; false reports "industerously propagated . . . induced me to publish in the papers of last Friday a vindication of my conduct which I enclose to you, with Mr. Matthew's attack and Bro[ther] Dougherty's Repulse, which is all the Newspaper work we have had"; before publication of vindication, friends advised leaving locality; "if the Lord had not stilled the Madness of the People, instead of seeing this paper, you would have seen me, with a very numerous Train"; believes trouble is not yet over, as public attention is still turned to "that part of the Discipline, which respects slavery, and to Mr. Brice's address to the Convention of Kentucky"; considered by "highest authority, to be highly Inimical to the Tranquil-[l]ity of the Country"; was advised "we need not expect peace in this State, unless we abjure our principles respecting slavery"; "There is one striking Peculiarity in this Contest ---I have done something very bad, yet my Bit[t]erest Enemies dare not lay it before the publick, to let them see how bad it is, nor dare I in my defense, so that Lookers on know not what we are Fighting about"; generally assumed that [Francis] Asbury will come here at the peril of his life, "unless the Mountain is covered with Horses of Fire and chariots of Fire"; sends love to Sister [Betsy] Dickins, family.

A.L.S. 3 pp. 31 cm. x 18.5 cm. Vol. 15, MS. 22. [65]

Accompanying this MS. are the newspaper clippings of Harper's letter to the Public (Oct. 30, 1800), the letter to the Public (Oct. 28) by P. Mathews, Minister of Trinity Episcopal Church, disclaiming affiliation with Methodists, and Dougherty's reply (Oct. 29), disclaiming affiliation with P. Mathews and Trinity Episcopal Church.

1801 Mar. 27 — F[rancis] ASBURY, Portsmouth [Va.]. To Ezekiel COOPER, 118 N. Fourth St., Philadelphia [Pa.].

Will leave Philadelphia, preach at Clemmell [N. J.], June 8; at Salem [N. J.], 9th; Bethel [Pa.], 10th; New Mills [Pa.], 11th; Enley's, 12th; [New] Brunswick [N. J.], Drake's, 13th; Elizabeth [N. J.], 14th; "You will consult Br[other Solomon] Sharp, and do the best you can, I am not able to say what place ought to be in the vacancies, but we must be at Joseph Hutchinson's and Brunswick, and Drakes and Elizabeth Town that we may come in Time to the [New] York Conference"; unable to collect any money from Tho[ma]s Bowen; according to his settlement with Jesse Lee, the connection is in debt to him; [Richard] Whatcoat has received very little money as yet; has sent $149; $49 should be paid to Sister [Betsy] Dickins from Henry Bradford, as part payment for land lots in North Carolina; remainder should be entered to Whatcoat's credit, "as he expecteth to receive money of yours at the Virginia Conference"; "I have enclosed the Twenty Dollar Bill in Letter to T[homas] Haskins for you."

A.L.S. 2 pp. 24 cm. x 20 cm. Vol. 18, MS. 9. [66]

1801 June 1 — Richard BASSETT, Dover [Del.]. To Ezekiel COOPER, Philadelphia [Pa.].

"I take up my pen, shortly and briefly to inform you, that the Evening you left us we had a glorious night, and every day and night since"; closed annual meeting last night; one hundred and thirteen, both colored and white, joined yesterday; twice that many leaving meeting may join elsewhere; "I doubt not but the fruit of one Meeting will be remembered in eternity"; suggests annual meeting for all districts to precede by a week yearly conference; letters should be sent to the postoffice, Middletown, New Castle County [Del.]; will be on farm at Bohemia [Mills, Md.].

A.L.S. 2 pp. 23 cm. x 19 cm. Vol. 15, MS. 7. [67]

1801 June 12 July 24 — Hugh SMITH, Philadelphia [Pa.]. To "The Methodist Connection in the City of Philadelphia."

"In the present & Divided State of the Methodist Church in this City we whose Names are hereunto subscribed Deem it Expedient for ones own peace Quietly in the fear of God to resign for the present our membership & with draw from the Methodist Connection in the City of Philadelphia until the Discipline there of shall be restored & have its Effect to purging the church of offenders against its pease & unity which we humbly hope & fervently pray may one time take place. After pray that

the Lord may protect you & gether us under his Heavenly Wings we bid you an affectionate farewell. Lambert Wilmer, John Hood, Jacob Baker, James Swain, Caleb North, Samuel Heavrey, x Jo Parker, x John Hewston, Sen[i]or, John Hewston, Jun[ior], William Budd, Alexander Dean, John Howard, Robert Carr, Robert Ormsby, William Blair, Thomas Haskins, John Higner, Elizabeth McNear, Mary Breeze, William Edgar, Catherine Rigby, Fanny Budd, Sarah Alebone, Mary Hood, William Brunson, Elizabeth Haskins, Sarah Haskins, Mary Ferguson, George Jacobs, Lydia North, x Josiah Lusby, Rebec[c]a Patrick, Ann Grace Patrick, Anonee Pearsowel, Ann Trigler, Mary Cribs, Margaret Anner, Thomas Bennis, John Gouge, William Lawler, Josiah Ingles, Thomas Ballenger, Phillip Kelly, Jane Dean, Nancy Houson, Est[h]er Connel, William Commins Goff, Zebiah Hewson, Rebec[c]a Wilme, Mary Pearsowel, Ann Jennings, Abel Matthias, Hetty Ballenger, James Doughty, Margaret Doughty [these last two names are bracketed and followed by the date] July 24th, 1801. This is a true Coppy. Hugh Smith. [The following appears in a different hand] Some time in 1801 we Saw a paper at the Rev[eren]d Samuel Coates [Coate] & believe this to be a true copy of it. (except part of the spelling) and we afterwards heard Mr. Coats Read out Publicly in the Society the persons whose names are herein Contained, except those marked with a Cross as it appeared that they were not members at the time. Jacob Back, Henry Manly, David Lake, Alexander Cook."

D.S. 2 pp. 34 cm. x 20 cm. Vol. 18, MS. 11. [68]

1801
Dec. 31 Francis ASBURY, Camden, South Carolina. To [Ezekiel COOPER.]

Received last letters; "When we were told the Debt was paid I wondered by what mint or magic you had collected 4000 Dollars in four months"; hopes a house "at a Low price" may now be purchased for preachers, "after more than Thirty years"; book market good in South; elders, preachers diligent there; no need to mention [Thomas] Bowen, Weeks; "I doubt if any settlement to purpose will ever be made"; has no desire to meddle in affairs of Book Concern as "we have so many Cooks and some very unskillfull"; "I pushed three Books into the press and I shall expect reflections, as long as they are in Circulation, if I am in Circulation"; "As a friend I want to advise you (as I am one that has Eyes and Ears everywhere) to keep close to [John William] Fletcher's and [John] Wesley's most excellent parts"; hesitates to publish Journals during lifetime; "it may only put in the power of my Enimees, to abuse me as Mr. [James] O'Kelley has"; can correct about twenty pages in four months while traveling; demand for a thousand more Hymn Books; will be purchased by Presbyterians and others; "Since I began this Letter Br[other Richard] Whatcoat arrived with your Letter."

A.L.S. 2 pp. 32.5 cm. x 22 cm. Vol. 18, MS. 10. [69]

1802
Feb. 3 [Ezekiel COOPER] Phila[delphia, Pa.].
Hymn, "Hallely'uh to the Lamb."
A.Df. 1 p. 19 cm. x 15.5 cm. Vol. 7, MS. 55. [70]

1802
Mar. 6 T[homas] COKE, Liverpool [Eng.]. To [Ezekiel COOPER] Philadelphia [Pa.].
"Great revival on the continent rejoices me exceedingly"; has read to thousands the accounts of progress in Maryland, Delaware, Tennessee; glad that "my two old Venerable colleag[u]es [Francis Asbury, Richard Whatcoat] are able, by travelling separately, to preside at all the annual conferences"; "nothing shall keep me from a final residence with you, when I, God willing, meet you at your next General Conference"; work in Ireland goes well; lately returned from tour there; "nothing at present very remarkable in the work in Britain"; hopes to arouse "British Brethren" by reading American accounts; "Irish account" has been published; intends soon to draw up and print account of further progress in Ireland; letters should be directed to New Chapel, City Road, London; "glad to find by Brother Asbury, that you universally press upon your believing hearers the necessity of sanctification and entire devotedness to God"; "Lukewarm endeavors are not sufficient now to pull down the fortress of infidelity"; "the wretched Formalists are disappearing like the dew of the morning."
A.L.S. 3 pp. 32 cm. x 20 cm. Vol. 17, MS. 9. [71]

1802
May 9 Alexander McCAINE, Fells Point [?]. To Ezekiel COOPER, 118 N. Fourth St., Philadelphia [Pa.].
Sending this account by [Nicholas] Snethen; "you remember no doubt the repeated information of conquest"; found that "the affair at last wore a serious complexion"; "went to the old ladys"; second day in her house "I took the liberty to speak to the old woman on Religion (the young one was not at home)"; "so as not to give offence I related my own experience; while I was going on the old woman was much affected & shed tears pretty freely"; this on Wednesday; the Sunday following in course of reading she came to words, "God be merciful to me a sinner"; she burst into tears; fell to floor three times; "continued in deep distress till Christ the Sinners Friend appeared"; she lectured her daughter Peggy; both came to Mrs. Clopper's; "Mrs. C. then sent for Br[other John] Pitts to Br[other] McCannons to pray for them"; Br[other] J[ames] Smith was also called in; later "they were all at Light Street & they say they are happy still---Mrs. C. & Peggy are going to join Society on the Spot"; "as for the old lady she is afraid of pulling the house of---Priests &c. &c. about her ears"; awaits outcome; not hasty in "conclusions on such affairs in Mr. Netcher's---'I wait for the fruit'"; expects to leave for Richmond "as soon as Br[other Joshua] Wells sets in"; "I hope you'll see proper to bury the parts

of this that ought not to remain above ground."
A.L.S. 4 pp. 21 cm. x 18.5 cm. Vol. 15, MS. 30. [72]

1802 May 22 — Tho[mas] BRANCH, Vershire Cir[cuit, N. H., Vt.]. To Ezekiel COOPER, Philadelphia [Pa.].

"A remarkable account of a poor man by the name of Stearns [who] lived on Colher's Manor, provence of Lower Canada"; had number of children, among them a daughter Polly; he was addicted to various vices, "particularly drunkenness and profane swearing"; wife, children followed his example; frequent quarrels between husband and wife; two miles away lived God-fearing man named Marsh; at request of Mrs. Marsh, Polly went to live with them; experienced spiritual awakening; later her mother, father, brothers, sisters received remission of sins; "thro[ugh] the Manor a great number of souls were brought to the knowledge of the truth as it is in Jesus"; this occurred in 1794; "in Rachel Palmer's experience in the acc[oun]t of her sickness instead of 'she lay in this hopeless situation about three weeks,' please to read, she lay in this helpless &c"; "I sent R. Palmer's ex[perience] by Br[other John] Bro[a]dhead."

A.L.S. 3 pp. 32 cm. x 20 cm. Vol. 20, MS. 25. [73]

1802 Sept. 29 — Alexander McCAINE, Richmond [Va.]. To Ezekiel COOPER, 118 N. Fourth St., Philadelphia [Pa.].

Delayed writing because it was rumored "the Fever" was in Philadelphia; might have been some confusion there; D[aniel] Hall requested by [Francis] Asbury to take [Philip] Bruce's place; latter's father seriously ill; Hall was to go to Orange [N. J.] Circuit on Bruce's return, Bruce away longer than was anticipated; father still ill on return; he refused to remain; has been selling books deposited with Br[other] Coulling "charged to [James] Moore, or [Jonathan] Jackson & transferred to acc[oun]t of P. Bruce"; will turn over money from sales when Hall arrives; L. Mansfield married to "a young Lady out of Society"; "there was great disturbance about in Norfolk"; now all is quiet.

A.L.S. 2 pp. 29.5 cm. x 18 cm. Vol. 15, MS. 31. [74]

Verso: "Sir: your postage for last quarter amounts to 7 doll[ar]s 77 cents, which sum you will please forward to this place & much obliged. Yours Respectfully, Mr. Cook."

This letter appears on the same MS. with the letter calendared in entry 75.

1802 Sept. 29 — Alexander McCAINE, Richmond [Va.]. To Brother [Robert] ROBERTS, 118 N. Fourth St., Philadelphia [Pa.].

Came here only to find "a small disorderly Society"; only four or five whites; obliged to expel some members; "this brought on me the lash of tongues"; opponents have tried every method to prevent night meetings; Mayor spoke to Br[other] Coulling, calling work "abominable enthusiasm"; finally threatened to fine Negroes congregated at night meetings three dollars a head, "or I must receive 30 lashes on the bare back";

Negroes were forbidden by ministers to attend meetings after dark, "as there was a law against it"; "Such a place I never saw before"; public, private collections negligible; "I think I feel nothing but a desire to live & die for God."

A.L.S. 2 pp. 29.5 cm. x 18 cm. Vol. 15, MS. 31. [75]

This letter appears on the same MS. with the letter calendared in entry 74.

1803 [Ezekiel COOPER.]
Feb. 3 Today a phenomenon; "we had, as it were, different seasons in min[i]ature; clear; cloudy; calm; wind; hail; snow; rain; thunder; lightening; thawing; freezing"; "Fe[e]ble man should humble himself before that God, who plants his footsteps in the deep and rides upon the storm."

A.Df. 2 pp. 5.5 cm. x 18.5 cm. Vol. 7, MS. 40. [76]

1803 Freeborn GARRETTSON, N[ew] York [N. Y.]. To Ezekiel
Feb. 26 COOPER, care of Rev. John Hagerty, Light St., Baltimore [Md.].

"Last Sunday evening week, we had a great display of the power of God in John's Street"; "young Brethren, [Truman] Bishop & Croil [Seth Crowell] are truly engaged in the work and blest"; Br[other Aaron] Hunt ill, confined; report Br[other] Thomas ill in Brooklyn; heard nothing from [William] Thatcher [Thacher]; "Mr. Mason has given his Br[other] D[o]ct[or] Nott a Pill which he will not easily Swallow, in his criticisms on his Collegiate Ovation"; "Mr. Miller has a piece prepared for the press against the sentiments of the old Europe"; "they have declared a war of extermination, without excepting even the Methodists, tho' Episcopalians, which declaration has moved Presbyterians of all denominations"; told Mr. Miller he would hurt cause "by undertaking to prove too much"; should confine remarks to one point, "validity of the ordination of Presbyters"; last Sunday in North R[iver] Church had "an awful sence of the power and presence of God"; believes there are "more than a million witnesses of our divine right to the Ministry, on earth and in heaven"; often thinks of "that great man of God Mr. J[ohn] W[esley] the Father & founder of our sect under God"; has begun, will continue "Pastorial visitations indiscriminately, for the rich have souls as well as the poor, and ministers as well as people"; if obeyed feelings, would retire with books, paper, family; wants long letter at close of Conference; "my seeing you at Philadelphia will be an uncertain business"; regards to [Francis] Asbury; "Mr. L---e and Mr. O---e talks much of the love of God, & being converted"; Crowell married "the Connecticut singer."

A.L.S. 3 pp. 25 cm. x 20 cm. Vol. 12, MS. 1. [77]

1803 F[rancis] ASBURY, Soudersburg [Pa.]. To Ezekiel COOPER,
July 24 Fourth St., No. 118, Philadelphia [Pa.].

Requests that Book Concern be moved to Baltimore, October 1; false reports can be answered as easily in Baltimore

as in Philadelphia; wants utmost done for peace of union; unanimous decision of General Conference to move Book Concern should have weight with opposition [Cooper].

A.L.S. 2 pp. 34 cm. x 21 cm. Vol. 18, MS. 11. [78]

1803 Aug. 29 — T[homas] COKE, Lincolnshire [Eng.]. To Ezekiel COOPER, North Fourth St., Philadelphia [Pa.].

Intends to sail on American ship for Philadelphia, Baltimore, or New York in October; British Conference will support West Indies Missions; "they indeed used every argument, which pure love and great esteem could suggest, to detain me"; plans to spend remainder of life in America; blessed with good health; no remarkable revival in Europe; 1,100 added in last year; "You know, I suppose, that England is threatened with invasion; but Jesus reigns."

A.L.S. 2 pp. 24 cm. x 19 cm. Vol. 17, MS. 10. [79]

Verso: "Single sheet by the Falmouth [Eng.] Packet."

1804 Jan. 21 — T[homas] COKE, Charleston [S. C.]. To Ezekiel COOPER, Philadelphia [Pa.].

"Capt. Strahan just afforded me time to write a few lines to you & my other ministerial Brethren"; will be in Philadelphia in five or six weeks; will spend two Sundays with Cooper; "first mark of respect must of course be shown to the Old Chapel."

A.L.S. 1 p. 23 cm. x 18.5 cm. Vol. 17, MS. 11. [80]

1804 July 27 — Thomas H. SARGENT, Baltimore [Md.]. To Ezekiel COOPER, care of J[oshua] Wells, Philadelphia [Pa.].

Received last letter; this one being sent by Bro[ther] Wells, who is to leave this city on next Monday for Philadelphia; "George the first [?] has just arrived with all the Royal family in good health, and apparently good spirits"; "Wells goes off somewhat like a horse going down hill, he hangs back in the harness"; recommends "experiment . . . which will at once constitute you a man"; "But to be candid; I am now settled in my mind; am not so harried by Cupid"; "I have a faithfull friend to whom all my soul can be opened"; "I would almost be tempted, like Saul, to apply to the Weih [Witch] of Endor, if I thought that would open your eyes to know your true happiness and interest"; asks about work in Philadelphia; letter "from high authority was received in town the other day, stating that Solomon Sharp had said to the author if he could think of anyway of getting bread for his children he would immediately leave the city"; his colleague said he would take location rather than stay in Philadelphia another year; former statement really means "Keep me in the Priests office that I may eat a pease of bread"; before continuing in station on that principle would discontinue preaching; "Well let us hope that the days of our society are not ended."

A.L.S. 3 pp. 23 cm. x 19.5 cm. Vol. 15, MS. 42. [81]

1804 Sept. 22 John RUTH.

Certificate showing "true state of the societys in Queen Ann[e']s County [Md.] taken from the first of Jan[uar]y last to the present time"; [number of married and unmarried men, women listed separately in classes at:] "Roes Roads, Farrels, Smyths, Herringtons, Fogwells, Dudleys, Head Chester, Wells, Double Creek, Ruths, Burges, Robinsons, Spaniards Neck, Centre Dells, Thos. Carters, Kent Island Meeting House, Arthur Carters, Browns, Halls Roads, Thos. Sugars."

A.D.S. 1 p. 27 cm. x 20.5 cm. Vol. 19, MS. 14. [82]

Verso: "John Ruth, Helper to Br[other] Moore in T[rent] Circuit."

1805 Mar. 5 Samuel COATE, Niagara Falls [N. Y.]. To Ezekiel COOPER, John St. Meetinghouse, New York [N. Y.].

Last Friday received letter dated December; "glorious displays of the power of God the last Sabbath at Quarterly meeting"; pleasant memories of "seasons we used to have in Philadelphia"; urges continuance of traveling connection, "for a great many of the old pillars have already given it up and if all of them should desert it, the fabrick will totter and fall"; has been "strongly solicited" to take parish near father-in-law in Canada; would have "as large a subscription as anyone in Canada (but I do not say this boastingly)" and perhaps a salary from government; "but all this I count but dung and dross"; rest and ease are desirable, but not to be purchased "at the expense of letting our little work totter and perhaps fall"; sent for five boxes of books; [John] Wilson sent seven to Albany; not knowing this, sent for five more; has not seen them; "I do not know whither of the boxes he has brought or whither the most valuable books for this Province are not left behind"; expects to be at Conference; sends love to Brothers Wilson, [Nicholas] Snethen, "my Bro[ther Michael] and Bro[ther Samuel] Merwin"; expects to go to Montreal next year; thinks "something may be done among them"; studying French; wants to perfect it there; challenged by a Presbyterian minister to "dispute"; "there were perhaps a thousand people there, but he was as poor a fool as I ever saw pretend to be a champion."

A.L.S. 4 pp. 21 cm. x 18.5 cm. Vol. 15, MS. 11. [83]

1805 June 1 T[homas] COKE, New Chapel, City Road, London [Eng.]. To Ezekiel COOPER, New York [N. Y.].

Agreed ten years ago to accept place in episcopacy of Methodist Church in United States; engagement prevented by circumstances then unforeseen; now willing, as is wife, to fulfil promises; could not ask her to cross Atlantic twice; "If we come to you at all, we come for life"; duty, however, would demand sailing should Bishop [Francis] Asbury die; "If he was so debilitated that he could not attend the seven Conferences, I should be willing to come over to you for life, on the express condition that the seven Conferences should be

divided betwixt us, three and four, and four and three, each of us changing our division annu[a]lly"; was married April 1; in six weeks, traveled about 400 miles; soon to leave for tour of 600 miles, crossing Irish Channel; these remarks were not made "to derogate, in the smallest degree, from the worth and integrity of my old, venerable, and worthy friend, Bishop [Richard] Whatcoat"; no remarkable revivals in British, Irish circuits; "I have sent to Brother Cooper and Brother [John] Wilson, a printed account of their prosperity"; accounts of revival in America are exceedingly pleasing and profitable to congregations in Great Britain and Ireland.

P.L.S. 4 pp. 24.5 cm. x 19.5 cm. Vol. 17, MS. 12.[84]

1805 July 26 — F[rancis] ASBURY, New Rochelle Ford [N. Y.]. To Ezekiel COOPER, Brooklyn [N. Y.].

"I have rode rapidly 230 miles in 6 days to redeem a day to write"; believes Cooper, assisted by Br[other John] Wilson, might attend five Conferences out of seven every year; suggests Virginia, Maryland, Pennsylvania; rides with [Joseph] Crawford; would like to see [John] Wesley's Sermons published up to the ninth and last volume this year; also Journals and "his appeals"; "after 36 years, it is time these were done"; expense, poor roads, reasons for not buying "a light Jersey Waggon, that I may go at the rate of the mail stage, and visit all the Towns and Cities in the Winter and go to the westward in the fall"; "I give up Doctor [Thomas] Coke according to his own Letter, unless he should come for good"; "When any man leaveth our connection he leaves the Conference, not me"; nearly a hundred preachers might have been added this year "had we not been choice"; additional provision made for Wilson thought justifiable since he has family in New York; "we have sunk in insolvency in the [New] Y[ork] Conference according to General Conference appropriations about 15,000 Dollars if not twenty, yet I never saw the Connection more united and chearful."

A.L.S. 3 pp. 31 cm. x 20 cm. Vol. 18, MS. 13. [85]

Verso: [in Cooper's hand] "A letter is sent to Phila[delphia] letting the Bishop know that the Conferences may draw $300.00 each. Written about the first of August by Br[other] Wilson."

1807 Jan. 6 — T[homas] COKE, Falmouth, County of Cornwall, England. To Members of the Baltimore Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, Baltimore [Md.].

Received official letter; greatly interested in "cause of God among us in the United States of America"; "I highly venerate Bishop [Francis] Asbury"; ten or eleven years ago General Conference voted that episcopacy needed to be strengthened; was then "moved by my ardent love of the work to offer myself to you as a Coadjutor with Bishop Asbury"; Asbury proposed plan whereby Coke was to unite Albany and New England states, including Philadelphia, New York, and, possibly, the Peninsula; would meet Bishop Asbury in spring in some part of New England; astonished to see nothing in this plan which re-

lated in the least degree to his being a coadjutor in the episcopacy, or which at all served to strengthen it; Bishop Asbury was to hold the three Southern Conferences entirely by himself; Coke was to spend his time merely as preacher; in Northern States "I should have mountains of snow to ride over, only to preach in general (a few towns excepted) to the Family where I was & a few of their neighbors"; "When Bishop Asbury retired I fell on my face before God & said, 'O God what have I done'"; before termination of General Conference received minutes of British Conference in which he was appointed to preside in Ireland for the ensuing year; was unanimously judged by General Conference that Irish engagement should be fulfilled; accompanied Bishop Asbury to three Southern Conferences with intention to sail from Charleston [S. C.]; I was not consulted in the least degree concerning the station of a single preacher; fulfilled engagement in Ireland; attended British Conference; four times case was brought into British Conference before he agreed to take an address from them; returned to States; length of the voyage, capture by the French, made it impossible to unite more than two of the conferences ---"indeed, I united but one---The Virginia Conference"; Asbury, members of Conference, agreed that he might honorably return to Europe till the General Conference; "But what astonished me, I think I may say, almost beyond expression was the following mysterious circumstance---Bishop Asbury was so weak in body at that time, that he was convinced he could not reach Charleston in time to hold the Southern Conference"; offered services, but Asbury refused and appointed Brother [Jonathan] Jackson to station the preachers, and Brother Jesse Lee to sit as Moderator in the Conference; by this time afraid "that if you kept me with you you would render me comparatively useless"; therefore previously accepted assignment with British Conference; later judged from correspondence of Bishop Asbury and many of the preachers,' "that you did intend to enter into my case & to employ me in some manner as a Bishop so that I should have the Opportunity of giving my judgment freely on all Episcopal matters"; consequently settled affairs in England; brought nineteen boxes, trunks, "besides Ten Chests containing copies of my Commentary"; arriving in Virginia Conference, made up mind to stay in America for life; while at Bro[ther John] Ellis' near Richmond, instead of awaiting Asbury's arrival in Virginia, decided to meet him immediately at the Georgia Conference; amazed to find "the same situation"; still not consulted "in the least degree imaginable"; requested a copy of the stations of the preachers of the Georgia Conference, which was granted to every travelling preacher, but was refused; then determined to leave America unless the General Conference consented in some degree to comply with its engagements; did not want to interfere with stationing of preachers by Asbury; preferred stationing of preachers at every Annual Conference by a committee headed by the Bishop; arrived at Columbia [S. C.] with Asbury; "opened my whole mind

to him"; pointed out that "I had there [Europe] the superintendency of all the missions" in Ireland, Wales, West Indies, British provinces in America; preachers in Ireland were "stationed by myself and a Committee of nine, who are representatives of Districts"; Asbury "acknowledged the force of my arguments and only requested me to visit New England before my return to Europe, which I accordingly did"; now General Superintendent of a new institution, "a Mission for breaking open new ground in England"; "My dearest wife who is a blessing wherever she goes (though she aims at nothing beyond the scriptural & delicate sphere of her own sex) can bear travelling under the blessing of God, five thousand miles a year & I can bear to travel 10,000 miles annually"; desires "letter of Explanation"; should receive it before next British Conference; [this notation follows signature:] "Doct[o]r Coke desired this copy to be made and sent to Br[other Alexander] McCaine as being more full & perfect than the Letter he had sent to the Baltimore Conference. It is a copy of his letter to the Philadelphia Conference which will be forwarded you in the original."

Copy. 7 pp. 25 cm. x 21 cm. Vol. 17, MS. 13. [86]

Verso: "Rev[eren]d Ez[ekiel] Cooper, care Rev[eren]d John Hagerty. Light Street, Baltimore. Dr. Coke's defense. Important."

1807 Jan. 27 — J. MERWIN, Boston [Mass.]. To Ezekiel COOPER, 249 Pearl St., New York [N. Y.].

"Unaccountables there are in nature and even those that profess the warmest friendship and appear to be the most pained on being in the least degree neglected"; "work of the Lord goes but slowly in Boston, it seems to be a time of great coldness and indifference in the things of Religion"; "New Chapel" opened; considerable, serious congregation; "We ar[e] waiting for the coming of the Lord"; convinced there are "too many trifillers in the Gospel even among us"; "Old Father Burrel [Burrill]" died; Brother Jervis married Sister Whalen; work to the east of here succeeds.

A.L.S. 1 p. 28 cm. x 17 cm. Vol. 15, MS. 35. [87]

1807 Feb. 18 — Tho[ma]s L. McKENNEY, Chester Town [Md.]. To Ezekiel COOPER, 242 Pearl St., New York [N. Y.].

Considerable stir over succession claimed by the Protestant Episcopalians as coming to them uninterruptedly from the Apostles; last summer there was a "paper war" upon the subject, supported on the one side by a Churchman, and on the other by a Methodist; "the Pope could never tell where would have been the period of the controversy, had not the printer bro[ugh]t the subject to a close by declaring 'no more communications can be attended to, in any other way, than by having them in hand-bills, or pamphlets'"; "the interval only proved an assylum into which the Churchman gladly run, and where he has gathered more materials, rallyed stronger force,

and the other day he sent from his battery, a pamphlet containing three Essays" on church government, succession, schism; some degree of ingenuity displayed in handling subjects; substance, however, is "light as moonshine"; wants "such extracts from [John] Mosheim, Callimy [Edmund Calamy], [William] Laud, [Peter] Allix, [?] Spainheim, [Louis Ellies] DuPin, Carie [William Carey], [Tobias] Smollet[t] and the rest . . . as may suit to oppose the present Hydra of an uninterrupted succession from the Apostles."

A.L.S. 2 pp. 23.5 cm. x 19.5 cm. Vol. 15, MS. 34.[88]

1807 Mar. 17 — Samuel COATE, Montreal [Canada]. To Ezekiel COOPER, care of Rev. W[illiam] Phebous [Phoebus], Albany [N. Y.].

"I am yet sojourning on this solitary ball, and am endeavouring to act in opposition to the Devil and the Spirits o of the world"; "in this country it requires no small degree of wisdom to know how to make one's arguments short and convincing"; good prospect of work in Quebec; may go there to stay three months; believes meeting house will be raised in Quebec in year's time; another preacher needed; "I can say without flattery that I should give you the preference before any other man on the continent"; "if you cannot come endeavour to encourage Br[other] Phebous"; French mission not flourishing; published "my piece" in Quebec; for further information concerning "our affairs" letter to Bishop [Francis] Asbury should be consulted; if contemplated July Conference takes place, hopes "some of you will ende[a]vour to give me some timely information thereof by some new method of conveyance direct to Montreal to Mr. [W.] McGinnis one letter by post with the postage paid to the line and another by some private hand and then as the Negro said, 'If one win, the other fail'"; Bro[ther Nathan] Bangs here; has progressed considerably this year in his study of French.

A.L.S. 4 pp. 23.5 cm. x 18 cm. Vol. 15, MS. 12. [89]

[1807 Mar. 31] — Freeb[or]n GARRETTSON, New York [N. Y.]. To Ezekiel COOPER, care of Davis G. Willis, 60 Market St., Philadelphia [Pa.].

Severe snow storm; considerable damage done among wharves and vessels; Doc[tor] Wilkins from Baltimore is in New York and will probably be the bearer of this letter; last letter received was not explicit enough; [Aaron] Hunt was "poorly" some time; after recovery went to Connecticut; Croel [Seth Crowell] has taken his wife and her father, so that B--p [Truman Bishop] and Garrettson at present are alone; Br[other] Thomas has been unable to preach; Br[other John] Wilson is troubled by "his old complaint"; preached several sermons in Brooklyn; assisted among "Affricans"; on Sunday preaches three sermons; last Sunday evening "had a most glorious display of grace in the Bowery"; Br[other Lorenzo] Dow reports success in Jersey; "Mr. Miller's piece on ordination is noted in the press . . . I fear it will not answer the main

purpose"; asks to be remembered to "that Venerable old Servant of God Mr. [Francis] Asbury"; love to [William] Chandler; tea with Mrs. Mills; much sickness, many deaths in city; may not be at Coemans [Patent, N. Y.] Conference; would go to Philadelphia if could in justice leave the churches.

A.L.S. 2 pp. 25 cm. x 20 cm. Vol. 12, MS. 2. [90]
Verso: "F. Garrettson, Apr. 2, 1807 I suppose."

1807 Apr. 16 — Jesse LEE, Savannah [Ga.]. To Ezekiel COOPER, New York [N. Y.].

Has preached only once in Savannah; Mr. Holcombe, much respected Baptist minister, "has I think $2000.00 for year and Mr. [Henry] Hollock, a Presbyterian Minister from New Jersey, is much respected & has $3000.00 Annually"; "poor Methodists" have no church, no dollars; Samuel Dunwoody, young Methodist minister, preaches in private houses; few Methodists in this place; "we may reap the fruit of Adam Cloud's labours"; years ago, "after this city was burnt," Methodists' petition for a lot was granted; later Adam Cloud, after joining with [William] Hammet[t], claimed lot, built a meeting house, "pretty well covered the Lot with a School House & Dwelling Houses"; then procured deed to all property from trustees; Cloud has since ceased preaching here; "one pretty good reason for his quitting preaching was this, no one would come to hear him"; Dunwoody has asked City Council whether he has any claim to lot now in possession of Cloud; Council has appointed committee to inquire into matter; Cloud asked to show proof of ownership; refused to produce subscription papers; showed Incorporation Act, Deed, however; believes Council will decide in favor of Dunwoody; "when there is an opening, we will push in our Boat"; Dunwoody teaches school for living; preaches for nothing; "If anything more turns up about an irregular Conference, to make improper Bishops on next Independent Day, I shall be glad to hear of it."

A.L.S. 4 pp. 19.5 cm. x 16 cm. Vol. 15, MS. 27. [91]

1807 May 27 — Jesse LEE, Savannah, Georgia. To Ezekiel COOPER, New York [N. Y.].

Came to this city seven weeks ago; formed a little society, the first Methodist Society in this place since [John] Wesley was here; considerable increase in Baptist membership lately; "they have two congregations of Black people in the city, with Black men ordained to each"; large congregation of Presbyterians; Henry Hollock, formerly of Elizabeth [N. J.], is minister; on coming here, "I went to the South about 130 miles to St. Marys and into the edge of Floraday [Florida], the Dominions of the King of Spain"; provisions scarce in lower parts of Georgia; at St. Mary's corn has been $2.00 a bushel; sold here at $1.00; much moving from place to place, "especially to the new purchase between the Oconey [Oconee] and Oakmulga [Ocmulgee] Rivers"; two preachers, belonging to the South Carolina Conference, George Dougherty, Bennet Kendrick, died recently; Samuel Dunwoody, preacher stationed here, keeps

school for his support and preaches without fee or reward; requests that 100 copies of "the Minutes of the Conference" be sent as soon as published; "if you receive as much money for my books Lee's Life [A Short Account of the Life and Death of the Rev. John Lee], as will pay for 100 minutes, you may keep the pay before I get the Books"; hopes books will sell in North; any money received for them should be sent to [John] Hagerty; in debt to him; preachers will make 6¼¢ a copy; sell them retail for 43¾¢; sent 250 copies to Charleston [S. C.]; sold all except dozen; letters should be sent to Dunwoody; love to [John] Wilson; to Mrs. Lee; "I wish you would tell me what the N. Y. Conference did this year about a delegated conference to make a superintendent"; "Virginia conference would not let it be debated at all, which greatly displeased F[rancis] A[sbury]."

A.L.S. 4 pp. 19 cm. x 15 cm. Vol. 15, MS. 26. [92]

1807 July 7 — Joseph EVERETT, Phila[delphia, Pa.]. To Ezekiel COOPER, New York [N. Y.].

Encloses a few pamphlets from Doctor [William?] White who sent them to Everett in the city and requested that they be sent to Cooper; pamphlets oppose "the Church Clergy who are trying to unchristian every sect & Denomination who will not fall down & worship their golden image"; "Religion is rather flat" here; "the inhabitants of earth & Hell unite to oppose it"; "the Virginia affair has gon[e] against us & they Laid 2000 Dollars fine on Doctor [William] Chandler, Friend Seamour, Bro[ther Richard] Lion [Lyon] & one more whose name I don['t] recol[l]ect"; saw Richard Cooper on way to and from Conference; saw Cooper's sister Sarah and John Cooper at Cambridge [Md.] Campmeeting; "Old friend Wolford near Cambridge join'd us & lent us ground to hold our Campmeeting & got happy in the Lord & died amen so be it"; "Harry Downs has lost his poor Drunken son who died."

A.L.S. 1 p. 31 cm. x 19 cm. Vol. 15, MS. 21. [93]

Verso: [pencilled in Cooper's hand] "My grand-parents. E.F.C."

1807 July 23 — Samuel COAT[E], Quebec [Canada]. To Ezekiel COOPER, New York [N. Y.], care of W. McGinnis, Montreal [Canada].

About to sail for England with Methodist captain; ship armed; may be censured for sailing at this time; received no advice, though requested it, from Bishop [Francis] Asbury; bought ground at Montreal; foundation laid for meetinghouse; lack of money to continue is reason for going to England; enemies have done utmost to hinder work; here "those who have the will have not the money, and others will not lend it"; "I have prevailed on Bro[ther Nathan] Bangs (as he could be spared) to take the Montreal station again, and have brought Bro[ther Thomas] Madden down here"; more conversions lately; hopes to return near end of winter by way of New York; letters should be sent to London, care of local preacher.

A.L.S. 4 pp. 30 cm. x 19 cm. Vol. 15, MS. 13. [94]

1807 July 26 — Thos. EVERARD, Redbanks [Red Bank, N. J.]. To Ezekiel COOPER, Statten Island Camp Meeting, New York.

"Debility and other things" prevented attendance at campmeeting; will go to New York before leaving Red Bank; "this Circuit is hard for my mortal system"; "many of the people are flat, formal and trifling"; if [Joseph] Totten has not taken the minutes of Conference for his District, asks Cooper to send two dozen to Joseph Wainright's at Red Bank; asks for news of campmeeting.

A.L.S. 3 pp. 19 cm. x 15 cm. Vol. 15, MS. 20. [95]

1807 Aug. 7 — F[reeborn] GARRETTSON, Rhinebeck [N. Y.]. To Ezekiel COOPER, New York [N. Y.].

Captain Wood delayed trip in order to have chance to bring up "camp-meetingers"; asks that Br[other] Mash send tent by Wood if he did not send it by Berg; had a very tedious ride up, as the roads were washed out by heavy rains; had a heavy cold; "The chancel[l]or and family, and Tillotson & family are to dine with us today"; read "Water's life" [A Short Account of the Christian Experience and Ministereal Labours of William Watters] with pleasure yesterday; "he was the first American travelling preacher & brought up in the saime church & Parish that I was and under the saime ministry"; "Prospect of doing more good might reconcile me to be cooped up in a City"; Mr. Vott has published a piece "in which he has paid off his calumniators as he calls them."

A.L.S. 2 pp. 25 cm. x 20 cm. Vol. 12, MS. 3. [96]

1807 Sept. 12 — A[lexander] McCAINE, Balt[im]o[re, Md.]. To Ezekiel COOPER, New York [N. Y.].

Plans to reprint Short Hymns on Select Passages of Scripture, by Chas. Wesley; asks that Cooper obtain what signatures for it he can; price will be about $2 a set (2 vols.); asks suggestions on anything that "you may think useful---and if you think 2000 copies too many or too few"; wants to publish in time for next General Conference; "our little boy" died first of last July; "Things go on here but slowly . . . Military preparations & operations being all that the people think of"; A. W. Kingston, preacher from Europe, his wife, four children, arrived last week.

A.L.S. 3 pp. 21 cm. x 18 cm. Vol. 15, MS. 32. [97]

1807 Sept. 23 — Malaga [N. J.]. To "Most Worther Friend."

"In spite of the Devil and all his machinations I enjoy that peace of mind which the world cannot give nor (if we are on our guard) cannot take away"; "Religion . . . is a secure refuge in seasons of the deepest distress, it smoothes the chagrin of life, makes us easy under every circumstance and fills our souls with the greatest peace that our natures are capable of, and gives us humiliation in the time of prosperity"; "There are many who by arithmetic learn to divide everything into the moste minute parts and fractions, and yet do not know how to divide a half penny with a poor afflicted brother in the

way of charity."
Df. 4 pp. 30 cm. x 18 cm. Vol. 15, MS. 48. [98]

1807 Nov. 23 — Ezekiel COOPER, New York [N. Y.]. To Lancaster S. BURLING, First Book Keeper in the Bank of Discount & Deposit, N[ew] York [N. Y.].
Received letter of November 21; in compliance with request, states "questions proposed to be answered, as a test or satisfactory evidence whether we are in the favour of God, and have experienced religion or not": "Have I seen the sinfulness of sin as a breach of the law of God, and an offonce offered to the divine character?" [Eight other questions.]
A.Df.S. 4 pp. 24.5 cm. x 20.5 cm. Vol. 16, MS. 10.[99]

1808 Feb. 26 — Freeb[or]n GARRETTSON, Rhinebeck [N. Y.]. To Ezekiel COOPER, New York [N. Y.].
Left city "under impulsion it would be my last chance in a stay"; reached Sing Sing [N. Y.] on first day; seven miles beyond Fishkill [N. Y.] on second day; home on third; "Tell Br[other Joshua] Taylor I had very bad travelling till I got to the hyeland"; family in good health; "our Brother Harry--- the Colonel---extremely ill"; has preached often lately; "Tell Br[other] Russel[l] I have preached at the State quarry since my return"; "should the work break out, it would run like fire in a dry stubble"; "I am now going thro[ugh] the bible with [Thomas] Coke and [Matthew] Henry"; reads newspaper once a week; "have as much of the times as we should have in a New York paper every day"; love to Mr., Mrs. Feul; "my dear Girls" are cheerful and tutored by Mr. Empy; had a letter from [Francis] Asbury since Charlestown [W. Va.] Conference; "Should you see that pious, patient Br[other] from the Planes, entreat him not to declare from the pulpit, that faith is not the gift of God"; love to "Br[other]s Ward, [Truman] Bishop, Peck & Sisters"; "Tell Sist[er] Ward, Capt. Woods & Wife, professor to be under concern of mind, and that Cordel has joined Society"; "How do you & your Baptists come on"; asks about work in [New] Jersey; cannot use carriage, because of weather, until first of April; "Imbargo has deterid, or impeaded the sale of those farms--- I expect I shall want some money of you in the spring."
A.L.S. 3 pp. 25 cm. x 20 cm. Vol. 12, MS. 4. [100]

1808 Feb. 27 — Wm. S. THOMAS, Phila[delphia, Pa.]. To Ezekiel COOPER, New York [N. Y.].
Wishes to join Society here; asks that "Certificate" be mailed to 73 Dock Street; was in Brother Russel[l']s class; "Sometimes I feel as St. Paul did when he Said he Counted all things loss for the Exellency of the knowledge of God."
A.L.S. 2 pp. 23 cm. x 19 cm. Vol. 15, MS. 46. [101]

1808 Mar. 1 — T[homas] COKE, London [Eng.]. To Ezekiel COOPER, John St., New York [N. Y.].
Has only a few minutes to write before departure of

packet; "I am come here from the North of England on acc[oun]t of a dreadful persecution which has arisen in Jamaica against our people"; wrote "my whole Mind with great simplicity and few words" to General Conference; "If the General Conference call me on a plan of real Episcopal influence (as well as preaching) . . . I go over to you for life"; letter to [Protestant Episcopal] Bishop [William] White was written when present members of General Conference were children; "the little connexion was in danger of becoming a mere rope of sand, if the Lord had been pleased to take away B[isho]p [Francis] Asbury"; has always considered "the imposition of Hands . . . a perfectly unessential point"; requests that Cooper defend his character; "if they [General Conference] blot my name out of their printed minutes, it will not be blotted out of the Lamb's Book Of Life"; however, cannot "indulge a thought that they will use me unkindly"; wife, Brother, Sister Wilson, all preachers, Brother, Sister Rupell all send love; will send "the Comment on the New Testament as soon as I am assured that the dispute at present subsisting between England & the States will not render it insecure"; spent most of two days with [Samuel] Coate in Yorkshire; sent letters by last packet to Asbury and [John] McClaskey.

A.L.S. 3 pp. 23 cm. x 18 cm. Vol. 17, MS. 15. [102]

1808
Mar. 6 F[rancis] ASBURY, Georgetown [D. C.]. To Ezekiel COOPER, New York [N. Y.].

Having had "nothing special to communicate," did not write; thought letter to John Wilson would be discussed; some increase in members, preachers in all conferences; doubts that "there will be 40 members from all the 4 distant Conferences"; wonders if Philadelphia and Baltimore will send 80, 40, or 20 members; "doubtless Br[other Thomas] Coke will hold his relation to this connection as it hath been from the begin-[n]ing"; has not seen [Joseph] Totten; "I feel as if this would be the greatest year that hath ever been known in Europe or America for the power of God, come what will in the outward State"; "If I did not write from Waterford [Va.] I might plead my Crutches I have not had any Letter from Br[other] Cooper unless outside work"; "May the good will of him that dwelt with Moses in the Bush be with thee"; "cannot lock myself up a moment in a Room as Mr. [John] Wesley would . . . . We are all republicans here, if I sit down three or 4 will come in talking around"; members hereabouts desire "more equal representation."

A.L.S. 4 pp. 25 cm. x 21 cm. Vol. 18, MS. 14. [103]

This letter appears on the same MS. with the letter calendared in entry 104.

D[aniel] HITT, Georgetown [D. C.]. To Ezekiel COOPER, New York [N. Y.].

In Conferences visited there has not been the increase in membership "our fond hearts desired"; this may be attributed to illness and deaths among people and preachers; in Virginia

received from [John] Wilson list of debts owed to Book Concern; collected monies; had least success in collecting from "D. H." ---"he formerly used to pay up pretty well, but the embargo seems to answer all questions of that nature here."

A.L.S. 4 pp. 25 cm. x 21 cm. Vol. 18, MS. 14. [104]

This letter appears on the same MS. with the letter calendared in entry 103.

1808 Mar. 18 Isaac DAVIS, Smyrna [Del.]. To Ezekiel COOPER, care of North & White, Merchants, Philadelphia [Pa.].

"A new era and what some call a Revolution in the Church hath been usshered in under the conduct of a few persons in the ministry, these distinguish themselves by rash & round assertions with respect to what they have been, now are & intend to be"; "many belive that the late Virginia business grew out of this circumstance"; "a noted president has been supposed to have winked at this business"; "R[ichard] Lyon backed & supported by some, that appear to be somewhat [religious], but add but little to genuine Religion," a principal in "this scene"; "for his history, as it respects us this year, I refer you to my letter to the Rev[eren]d Solomon Sharp, his president elder"; reported that Chesapeake and Delaware districts will be divided, a new one added, "taking Smyrna in the middle"; urges, on part of friends, that Dr. [William] Chandler be mentioned to Bishop [Francis Asbury] as deserving transfer to "the middle district"; "Those that approve the conduct of R. L. & Company above hinted at take this strong ground that all that oppose their inconsistancies are backsliding children of the devil"; [R. L. & Company] persist in accusations despite contrary proof; "I know of no fitness between temporal & spiritual things that will better explain to you the manner of echoing this marvelous conduct than by refer[r]ing you to the mode of procuring the sanction & plaudits of certain proceedings in a noted Revolution in [E]Urope"; this year excellent preachers have been in the district; "If R. Lyon is continued amongst you, it is sincearly disirable, that he may not be suffered to come here to disturb our peace anymore"; would have appeared as prosecutor of Lyon if his conduct had not been known to [Richard] Sneath, his elder.

A.L.S. 3 pp. 24.5 cm. x 20.5 cm. Vol. 15, MS. 17. [105]

1808 Apr. 5 "PHILADEL-PHISS." To Ezekiel COOPER, Baltimore [Md.].

Encloses "a small collection of a few of those passages where the word Bishop & Elder occurs in the New Testament"; "they might be of some use to you in the course of your Conferential Debates."

A.Df.S. 1 p. 25.5 cm. x 21 cm. Vol. 19, MS. 21. [106]

Enclosure missing.

1808 Sept. 8 T[homas] COKE, Chipston, Monmouthshire [Eng.]. To Ezekiel COOPER, At Henry Manly's, N. Fourth St., Philadelphia [Pa.].

Received official letters from American General Conference; satisfied with its "determination"; "I rejoice that Brother

[William] McKendree was chosen Bishop, except one, whom delicacy will not permit me to mention"; intends to continue American correspondence; love to [John] Wilson, [Daniel] Hitt; will write to them by next packet; commentary on New Testament published about six months ago; "But the embargo renders it impossible, or at least dangerous, to send any books to America"; travels with wife constantly; if asked by General Conference, "we will come over to you either for Life, or to make you a transitory visit"; will correspond with Bishops [Francis] Asbury, McKendree; wife sends love.

A.L.S. 3 pp. 22.5 cm. x 18 cm. Vol. 17, MS. 16. [107]

1810 Feb. 12 "Philotheologia" [Ezekiel COOPER], Wilmington, Del[awa]r[e].

"A Card to all Literary Theologists, On the Translation of the Scriptures," an article listing Protestant translations into English, which "Editors in the United States who are well disposed to sacred literature" will find to be useful, "a treat to the literati; and a check to pedantic captious critics on the present standing translation of the Scriptures; and a consolation to the unlearned."

A.Df.S. 3 pp. 21.5 cm. x 12.5 cm. Vol. 7, MS. 19.[108]

1810 Feb. 27 [Ezekiel COOPER] Wilmington [Del.].

At a special meeting of male members of Methodist Episcopal Church in Wilmington, held February 27, 1810 for purpose of considering petition of Henry Baley to be reinstated, following were present: Ezekiel Cooper, minister; John Forgany, Samuel Rose, local preachers; James Collins, John Taylor, Alexander Draper, class leaders; Daniel Lowber, Edward Worsell, stewards; Jonathan Sturgis, Thomas Little, Dan[iel] Dingy, Henry Witsel, Tho[mas] Hawkins, Wm. Murphy, Wm. Carlisle, John Witsel, John Bennett, Wm. Benderman, Henry Webbs, Levi Civell, Jeremiah Sanders, members; decided "his expulsion from the church was both just and proper"; cannot be reinstated; "his inflammatory writings are only malicious scurrilities, calculated merely to gratify the revengful disposition of a wicked and malignant mind"; his conduct in New Jersey, where he formerly lived, was that of "a pest and a plague to society"; committee of following to enforce decision: Samuel Rose, Alexander Draper, James Collins, Henry Witsel, Daniel Lowber, John Hagary, Edward Worsell, Daniel Dingy, Ezekiel Cooper; "And it has been supposed, that it was not worth while to load a cannon to shoot at a Moschetto [mosquito], nor to draw a sword to fight with a gnat, yet it so happens that it may not be improper to drive them off with tobacco smoak, or otherwise"; "recorded in the book containing the proceedings of the general meetings of the male members of the Methodist church."

A.D. 4 pp. 21.5 cm. x 14 cm. Vol. 7, MS. 17. [109]

1810 Mar. 3 [Ezekiel COOPER.]

Those present at meeting held February 27 to consider propriety of making public proceedings of said meeting with respect to Henry Baley's application to re-join Methodist Church were Ezekiel Cooper, John Hagary, James Collins, Davis Lowber, Alexander Draper, Henry Witsel, Daniel Dingy, Edward Worsell; now decided to have minister read proceedings in all Methodist churches in vicinity [of Wilmington, Del.]; also to take no further notice of the case.

A.Df. 2 pp. 19 cm. x 12.5 cm. Vol. 7, MS. 16. [110]

1811 Apr. 5 N[athan] BANGS, N[ew] York [N. Y.]. To Ezekiel COOPER, care of Rev. Truman Bishop, Philadelphia [Pa.].

Received last letter; recently read "[Samuel] Drew on the immateriality and immortality of the human soul"; "too abstruse to be generally useful"; wonders where the line between instinct and reason can be drawn "when men and beasts are contemplated"; wonders if "man is any more immortal than any other part of the creation"; despite difficulties, religion is spreading; "Augustus Jocelyn [Jocelin] and Amos Belden have been expelled the society for holding to unitarianism."

A.L.S. 4 pp. 23 cm. x 19 cm. Vol. 15, MS. 4. [111]

1812 Apr. 14 Richard BASSETT, Bohemia [Mills, Md.]. To Ezekiel COOPER, at Wye Meeting [Md.].

Received last letter; would be pleased "if you could make it convenient to come this way on your return to Baltimore . . . . that confused & distracted place"; received as yet no answer to letter to Mr. Middleton; sends regards to [John] McClaskey; "Mrs. B. & the Girls & my Daughter Ann" send greetings.

A.L.S. 1 p. 30 cm. x 18 cm. Vol. 15, MS. 8. [112]

1812 July 17 F[reeborn] GARRETTSON, Sing Sing [N. Y.]. To Ezekiel COOPER, care of John Hagerty, Light St. Church, Baltimore, Maryland.

"I am now on my way round the district with my horse and Chair"; would prefer to go "where I could to the best advantage without any particular charge, and that would be mostly by Water"; had very successful Annual Conference in Albany; "Our families must have a little food, and raiment, and in order thereto way and means must be provided"; people prefer a married ministry, are willing to support it; campmeetings at "Musketer Cove" and Croton [N. Y.] will begin August 3 and September 14; "You must judge whether you acted correctly in refusing the money of Brother [Daniel] Hit[t], agreeable to my request"; whatever interest he pays will be Cooper's, and not less than six per cent; letter to be received by 10th or 12th of August, should be sent to New York; otherwise, to Rhinebeck [N. Y.].

A.L.S. 3 pp. 25 cm. x 20 cm. Vol. 12, MS. 5. [113]

Verso: "Greenburgh [N. Y.] July 20, answered July 28, 1812."

1812 [Ezekiel COOPER.]

"The Plan of appointments for the stationed preachers in Baltimore from June 1812 to April 1813," listing Eutaw, Old Town, Light Street, African churches and preachers [Asa] Shinn, Smith, [Christopher] Fry, [Ezekiel] Cooper.

A.Df. 1 p. 14 cm. x 32 cm. Vol. 19, MS. 15. [114]

[1812] [Ezekiel COOPER.]

On May 1st, formed the Conference, decided on rules for its government; May 2nd, voted to admit all the traveling and local preachers, received Bishop [William] McKendree's address, decided to form committees on the points of Bishop's address; First Committee on Episcopacy: Daniel Ostrander, N[ew] Y[ork], Elijah Hedding, N[ew] Eng[land], Wm. Case, Genesee [N. Y.], Jas. Quin[n], O[hio], J[esse] Walker, M[iss]o[uri], M. Lindsey, Tenn[essee], [George] Lane, Miss[issippi], Lewis Myers, S[outh] Car[olina], Edw. Cannon, V[irgini]a, John Emory, Baltimore, Thos. Ware, Philadelphia; Second Committee on Local Preachers: M[artin] Ruter, Wm. Capers, S[amuel] Merwin, L[awrence] McCombs, Jas. Smith; Third Committee, on Children: S[olomon] Sias, Wm. Canada, B[everly] Waugh, T[homas] Burch, E[thelbert] Drake; Slavery: E[zekiel] Cooper, F[reeborn] Garrettson, G[eorge] Pickering, C[harles] Giles, [Asa] Cummings, S[amuel] Thompson, W[illiam] Adams, T[homas] Griffin, J[ames] Norton, P[eyton] Anderson, J[oshua] Wells; Missions: W[illiam] Ryland, J[ohn] Collins, J[oseph] Travis, Emory, E[ben] Smith; Spirituous Liquors: N[elson] Reed, E[rastus] Otis, J[ohn] B. Finley, S[amuel] Dunwoody, H[enry] Ryan; "Of Cannadies": N[athan] Bangs, J. Snile, J[oseph] A. Merrill, T[imothy] Merritt, J[oseph] Frye; Houses of Worship: S[tephen] G. Roszel, J[ames] Ridgeway, P[eter] P. San[d]ford, O[liver] Beale, L[oring] Grant; Conference Bounds: A[lfred] Griffith, S[olomon] Sharp, E[benezer] Washburn, D[aniel] Filmore or Kilbourne [David Kilburn], [Gershom] Pearce, J. Young, [John] Scrip[p]s, C[harles] Holliday, Lane, D[aniel] Asbury, J[ames] Patterson; Book Committee Revision: [William] Com[p]ton, [George] Wooley, [James] M'can, [Joseph] Lybrand, [William] Chase; Life of Bishop [Francis] Asbury: [George] Pickering, Ruter; [Charles] Giles, T[homas] Ware, W[alter] Griffith; Book Concern: Cooper, Capers, [Peter] Cartwright, [Francis] Dane, [Luther] Chamberlain, [Alexander] Dixon, [Louis] Fechtig; Schools: Bangs, [Henry] Stead, [Jonathan] Stamper, Emory, [Stephen] Martindale, [Jonathan] Bateman, [John] Weaver; Rights and Privileges: Capers, Travis, J[ohn] O. Anderson, J[esse] Cunningham, J[ames] Axley; Revision and Arrangement of Discipline: Bangs, Merwin, Collins, Myers, Cannon; Committee of Conference with the Bishops on the Election of Presiding Elders: Cooper, Bangs, Emory, Roszel, Wells, W[illia]m Draper; Committee to confer with the late president of Asbury College: Cooper, Ruter, Bangs.

A.Df. 2 pp. 20.5 cm. x 17 cm. Vol. 19, MS. 28. [115]

1816 Feb. 28 [Ezekiel COOPER.]
"The work of Sanctification begins in our regeneration, and is never completed till after death; and receives its full consummation in our resurrection---Mr. Ely at the funeral of Mrs. Law, February 28, 1816. Witness Wm. Nesbitt, Sidney Munns."
A.Df. 1 p. 14 cm. x 9.5 cm. Vol. 7, MS. 40. [116]

1817 May 6 Ez[e]k[iel] COOPER, Phila[delphia, Pa.]. To Richard COOPER, Passey, near Dover, Delaware.
"By our nephew Richard Cooper (of John) I drop you a few lines in token of abiding love and brotherly affection"; concerning illness, "let your long & sever[e] affliction have a sanctified effect upon your mind"; ill, "I view myself as going down the hill of life, to the shades of death"; has received no letters from family; sends love to Clarissa, Sarah, Richard, Ignat[i]us, William, Charles, Louisa.
A.L.S. 4 pp. 23 cm. x 19.5 cm. Vol. 16, MS. 15. [117]

1817 Dec. 16 Ez[e]k[iel] COOPER, Philadelphia [Pa.]. To Richard COOPER, near Dover, Del[awa]r[e].
Came here from New Jersey a week ago; plans to travel through Delaware, Maryland; preached to large congregation last Sunday; week before preached in same house; "I am informed that some of the worst kind had their fears alarmed, and were brought to cry and tremble at the apprehension of their danger and the necessity of Religion"; feeble, considerably indisposed; writing this in the house of Mrs. Bassett; will visit Mrs. Bayard today; dined on Sunday with Mr. Manly; if roads and weather are good, will leave Philadelphia this week; "Some threaten to be affronted with me, if I leave them till after Christmas at any rate."
A.L.S. 3 pp. 26 cm. x 21 cm. Vol. 16, MS. 16. [118]

1818 Jan. 7 Ez[e]k[iel] COOPER, Burlington, New Jersey. To Richard COOPER, Delaware.
"Strong circumstances" prevented tour mentioned in last letter; still has some unfinished business in Philadelphia; James Sterling died yesterday morning; received two summons to death bed; left Philadelphia this morning at eleven o'clock; arrived here at four this afternoon; will preach funeral sermon tomorrow before "a vast concourse of people of the various denominations"; Sterling "one of the oldest inhabitants of this city . . . perhaps no man in the State was better known and more esteemed"; must further postpone contemplated visit; "Sterling has left eleven children and grandchildren who represent two more; of course his estate will be divided into thirteen parts, besides the widows portion, but his estate is very large"; sends love to Clarissa, children; [postscript dated Jan. 18, 1818] sending this letter by "one of the old gentlemans grandsons who resides at Wilmington."
A.L.S. 3 pp. 25.5 cm. x 20 cm. Vol. 16, MS. 17. [119]
Verso: "Fav[ore]d by Mr. Sand Sterling to Wilmington [Del.] Post Office."

1819 Apr. 15 [Ezekiel COOPER] Phil[adelphia, Pa.]. To Phil[adelphia] Conference.

Has been frequently importuned by members to join Conference; invitations not official in form, but assuring; "My attachment to the Methodist Episcopal Church is somewhat like the filial affection of a son to a mother, which neither years, nor infirmities, any ordinary circumstances, can dissolve or alienate"; will join Conference; "though I give this consent willingly it is in submission to the wishes and advise of my brethern."

A.Df. 2 pp. 20 cm. x 16 cm. Vol. 7, MS. 52. [120]

1820 Apr. 12 Thomas WARE, William RYLAND, James SMITH, James RIDGEWAY, Joseph AYDELOT, John POTTS, David BARTINE, of Philadelphia Conference. To Ezekiel COOPER.

"We whose names are subscribed . . . earnestly solicit you to come forward as soon as practicable and join the Conference."

D.S. 1 p. 33 cm. x 21 cm. Vol. 19, MS. 11. [121]

1820 June 22 N[athan] BANGS, New York [N. Y.]. To Ezekiel COOPER, care of Mr. Mattson, Philadelphia [Pa.].

"Wheather we shall be able to trade with Mr. Mattson is yet uncertain, but we shall pay proper attention to his proposals"; Peter P. Sandford is presiding elder in this district; in the city are A[aron] Hunt, J[oshua] Soule, B[illy] Hibbard, T[obias] Spicer, Elijah Hibbard; N[icholas] Morris at Seminary; William M. Stilwell presides over Negroes; A[lexander] McCaine at Brooklyn; W[illiam] Thacher, New Haven [Conn.]; Sol[omon] Marvin, Albany [N. Y.]; W[illia]m Ross, Troy [N. Y.]; Joseph Crawford "expelled the connexion for having a bastard child by his maid"; "no doubt of his guilt, although he denies it"; "such is the end of this unhappy man, who has so often trifled with his brethren"; "weeping & groaning on every side" in Conference; concerning "other subject . . . my situation in relation to W[illia]m Soule forbids my saying much, except to a few intimate friends"; Soule very unpopular here, on many occounts, although generally esteemed as an upright man and a good preacher; believes events at close of Conference "will eventuate for the best, as they must tend to open the eyes of Preachers & people, unless indeed the crisis is past when we are to have the chains fastened upon us, but this I cannot believe"; glad to have "an opportunity of explaining to you personally, as I have done to some others more particularly why I considered the motion for a reconsideration of that law in order"; believes, however, a motion to suspend and the act of suspension two distinct things; impressions now spreading should be corrected calmly, firmly; proposals are sent abroad by Mr. Gillie, a local bookseller, to publish the life of [John] Wesley written by [Robert] Southey, Poet Laureat[e] of G[reat] Britain; "From a review of a character of [John] Wesley by the same author, in the London Magazine, I judge this hope an invidious precaution [?]"; if the proposals should be made in

Philadelphia, hopes Cooper will apprize Methodists there of the "poison wit" aired in it, and prevent their subscribing.
A.L.S. 4 pp. 20 cm. x 25 cm. Vol. 15, MS. 5. [122]

1820 July 1 — Nicholas SNETHEN, Libertytown [Md.]. To Ezekiel COOPER, Philadelphia [Pa.].

Believes Methodists "reduced back again precisely to the old notch of the Pope and the Councils"; General Council now composed of P[residing] Elders first chosen by Bishops and then elected by A[nnual] conferences; Bishops also judge constitutionality of proceedings of G[eneral] C[onference]; "of what immense importance is a G. C. . . . a great bo[o]by head of a puppit!"; "Now sir begin right---take Mr. [Francis] A[sbury]'s motto, no man ought to make an error a precedent"; "Admit of no precedents beyond the Atlantic ocean or beyond seventy-six---a constitution must be made by the people---that is by the common authority and consent of all who are concerned in it and not by a mere legislative power"; if all conferences north of Baltimore took such a stand, the bishops' judgment would no longer determine what is constitutional; "we will demand an open G. Conference," as existent before 1808; "If such ground were taken the high church men might possibly begin to fear and my word for it nothing but fear will ever keep them in bounds"; convinced that "St. Gregory the Great nor any other St. ever had higher notions of prerogative than exists among us"; "This is church government for you in A[merica] in the 19th century, boys!"

A.L.S. 1 p. 32 cm. x 19 cm. Vol. 15, MS. 44. [123]

1820 July 26 — [Ezekiel COOPER] Philadelphia [Pa.]. To Nicholas SNETHEN, Libertytown, Maryland.

Received letter postmarked July 1; subject of letter is of serious moment and no doubt will ultimately produce serious consequences; "we may look for an explosion, which in all probability, will afterward be incurable"; advocates of "a high toned prelacy, at the expence of the rights, liberties, and reasonable privileges of their brethern" should reflect before it is too late; "the pope himself in the days of his greatest infallibility, never was allowed to possess the power of control[l]ing, overthrowing, and putting at defiance, the decisions of a general council"; "his cardinals, nuncios, legates, &c. were not so bold or so assuming as to support or contend for such a power"; even Luther, obnoxious as he was to papal adherents, had his appeal from the judgement of Pope; [Napoleon] Bonaparte opposed all monarchical sovereignty till he came into power; then, "behold, he became, if possible, more absolute and arbitrary than any of his predecessors---as some logicians have said 'ad absurdum'"; favors "a moderate episcopacy"; opposes absolute hierarchy as "too much like lording it over God's heritage"; some reveal "a disposition to throw the javelin, and put their brethern and their equitable cause at defiance"; agitation in New York has caused some few hundreds to withdraw; preacher or preachers in charge took a stand with respect to some of temporal concerns and money matters to which the dis-

satisfied would not submit; a correspondent writes "we ought to labour to correct any erroneous views of the subject, while we appreciate the principle, with that calmness which becomes Christians"; presumes Snethen has received a letter from J[ames] Smith.

A.Df.S. 4 pp. 32.5 cm. x 19.5 cm. Vol. 16, MS. 13. [124]

1820
Sept. 11 Allen W. LANE, Jr., Wilmington, Del. To [Ezekiel COOPER.]

Much excitement over "Missouri Question" throughout country; "I have understood that during one of the late sessions of one of the 'Methodist Conferences' this subject was agitated and as it did not appear to them to involve the abstract question of having but depended upon a Constitutional Question, they declined makeing any Publick expression of their feeling in relation to it"; "I should be happy to learn from you whether I am not rightly informed; and if it would not be asking too much I would be pleased to have your opinion upon the subject"; reply should be sent to Wilmington.

A.L.S. 2 pp. 23.5 cm. x 19 cm. Vol. 15, MS. 28. [125]

1820
Sept. 13 [Ezekiel COOPER] Phila[delphia, Pa.]. To [Allen] W. LANE, Jr., [Wilmington, Del.]

[Contents of this MS. are same as those calendared in entry 125.]

A.Df. 4 pp. 20 cm. x 17 cm. Vol. 7, MS. 34. [126]

1820
Sept. 18 [Ezekiel COOPER] Phila[delphia, Pa.]. To A[llen] W. LANE, Jr. [Wilmington, Del.].

Received letter of September 11; cannot be expected to say or write much upon subject [Missouri Question], especially when opinions might possibly be introduced in connection with some electioneering questions agitated just before approaching election; Missouri Question was not discussed in any conferences; question of slavery was agitated in late General Conference, as a moral and religious question, in its relations to, and bearings on, membership of Methodist Church in United States; no reference made in discussion concerning constitutionality of Missouri Question; also discussed colonization question; designs of Colonization Society not sufficiently materialized to justify comment of General Conference; convinced that Congress could not constitutionally impose on Missouri, and enforce, a constitution and be obliged to grant her admission into Union without restrictions; "would be a strange construction, that the constitution of the United States, was intended to compel the national government to yield to the views, policy, interests, or prejudices of a territory"; no agreement being made, the admission must lie over, till the two parties can agree upon terms; position "supportable by the collective and conclusive principles of reason, sound logic, and fair deductions, drawn from political jurisprudence, and honestly consistant with the constitution of the United States, the treaty of session of Louisianna to the United States, and the legislative principles

of the rights of man"; opposes interpreting it the duty of republican form of government to guarantee practice of slavery in a new state; believes Congress has right to restrict slavery since such a restriction is derived from the constitutional idea of freedom and liberty.

A.Df. 4 pp. 32.5 cm. x 19.5 cm. Vol. 20, MS. 8.[127]

1821 Apr. 6

J[ohn] EMORY, Annapolis [Md.]. To Ezekiel COOPER, Milford, Delaware, via Easton [Md.].

Received last letter in Baltimore; Cooper mentioned suspension of conciliatory resolution on presiding elders passed at last Gen[era]l Conf[erence]; resolution, since only suspended, not repealed, should appear in print; in act of suspending new resolution it was expressly provided that bishops should act under old rule until next General Conference; [Cooper has heavily annotated the letter; words here underscored are his] "What! & if repealed---but are we all bound by it, if not a law"; "a very anomalous proceeding to suspend the resolution altogether & lock it up in the trunk"; "shameful conduct"; rule empowering local conferences to recommend preachers to travel abolishes power of quarterly conferences; "only in what is given to another body"; "we ought not unnecessarily to abridge our own powers & make the annual conferences more dependent on the local conferences than the discipline makes them"; "as it stands we are dependent on the Quarterly Conference altogether"; "quarterly power can destroy the local by not concurring"; General Councils have seldom done much good and often much harm.

A.L.S. 4 pp. 25 cm. x 19 cm. Vol. 15, MS. 19. [128]

1821 Apr. 18

Samuel J. COX, Secretary, Milford, Del.

Report of "Committee to whom was refer[r]ed the Memorial of the official members of the African Methodist Union and Asbury churches in the City of New York, and the African Wesleyan church in the city of Philadelphia, in behalf of themselves and others of their coloured brethren, proposing and requesting the organisation of a Conference for the African Methodist Preachers, under the patronage of the bishops and conferences of the White Methodist Episcopal Church": concerning Negroes, Methodists have always advocated improving their moral, religious instructions, defending them in all their lawful and just rights; Negroes have built houses of public worship; there are many pious colored men qualified to preach "the word of life and salvation"; under existing plan, their usefulness is limited; they could obtain orders from another quarter, and become independent of white bishops and conferences; they have refused to unite with Richard Allen's African connection; Committee recommends that Philadelphia Conference request a bishop to preside in New York over African Conference; copy of this document should be forwarded to New York Conference.

A.D. 4 pp. 33 cm. x 20 cm. Vol. 19, MS. 9. [129]

Signed by Committee of Ezekiel Cooper, Tho[ma]s Ware, Alvard White.

[1821] [Ezekiel COOPER.]

Timothy Merritt, delegate from New England, at beginning of General Conference [May, 1820, Baltimore] moved that the question in Discipline "By whom are the presiding elders to be chosen?" be answered with "By the annual conferences"; Merritt temporarily withdrew motion when one bishop said "a compromise was contemplated to harmonize the views and wishes of the brethren"; then Merritt received note from said bishop, telling him no compromise should be expected; Merritt again brought forward his motion; eighteen delegates spoke for and against the measure; Ezekiel Cooper moved that measure be debated until next morning; seconded by John Emory; then Ezekiel Cooper moved that three times the number of candidates needed be nominated by bishops to fill vacancies among presiding elders, and that Conference then select one for position; measure debated; finally succeeded by one read by Stephen G. Roszel, removed by Nathan Bangs; removal seconded by William Capers; committee appointed by bishops to confer on measure; committee composed of Ezekiel Cooper, Nathan Bangs, John Emory, Stephen G. Roszel, Joshua Wells, William Capers, and Bishops W[illia]m McKendree, E[noch] George, [Robert] Roberts; conciliating plan approved by two bishops, "not particularly opposed by the other bishop"; committee pledged themselves to support measure originally suggested by Ezekiel Cooper; resolution adopted by majority of 61 to 25 votes; thought measure rested "in harmony and peace"; Bishop McKendree, some days later, read protest of Bishop-elect Joshua Soule against resolution; if consecrated, he said, he could not comply with resolution, as he conceived it to be unconstitutional; resolution was brought forward by [Daniel] Ostrander, seconded by James Smith, requesting that consecration be deferred until satisfactory explanations were made to Conference; was understood a move would be made to reverse proceedings, since senior bishop and bishop-elect opposed measure; Soule announced he "had said what he meant and meant what he said"; John Collins then moved to reconsider former resolutions of Conference; during debating "a number of inflam[m]atory observations" were made; McKendree, Soule, supported by those desiring "return to the old plan, thereby setting at defiance the feelings of others and the solemn pledge of conciliation mutually entered into by the bishops and the two parties in the conference"; no need for Conference if bishop and bishop-elect control decisions of majority of members; if one is "browbeaten, insulted &c. by those who yield passively to surrender their judgments & decisions to the bishop or bishops as though he or they were infallible, it is needless to contend or strive."

A.Df. 4 pp. 24.5 cm. x 20 cm. Vol. 19, MS. 21. [130]

[1821] [Ezekiel COOPER.]

[Contents of this MS. are same as those calendared in entry 130.]

A.Df. 12 pp. 33 cm. x 20 cm. Vol. 22, MS. 3. [131]

[1821] [Ezekiel COOPER.]
"Points of reform or change . . . . 1. Election of Presiding Elders by annual Conferences. 2. The conference to choose a committee to assist in stationing the preachers. 3. Presiding Elders to be fixed to a circuit or station. 4. A Convention to form a constitution. 5. Standing Committee for trial of members. 6. Modification of local District conferences. 7. Lay and Local delegation---a Plan &c."
A.Df. 1 p. 18.5 cm. x 20 cm. Vol. 19, MS. 35. [132]

[1821] [Ezekiel COOPER.]
Resolution of Philadelphia Conference to request next annual conference to be authorized by "a majority of two thirds of the General Conference to alter any of the said restrictions upon the clear convictions of their own judgment that such alterations be necessary"; to request sister annual conferences to join in this request to General Conference; to request bishops to present these resolutions before other annual conferences.
A.Df. 2 pp. 33 cm. x 20 cm. Vol. 19, MS. 5. [133]

[1821] L[aban] CLARK, New York [N. Y.].
Contrary to Bishop [William] McKendree's "observations addressed to this conference," New York Conference believes there is no violation of constitution or restrictive regulations in resolutions for election of presiding elders by the General Conference; resolutions "do not do away episcopacy nor destroy the general plan of itinerant superintendency."
A.D.S. 1 p. 20 cm. x 17 cm. Vol. 19, MS. 19. [134]

[1821] L[awrence] LAWRENSON, Secretary of Philadelphia Conference, Philadelphia [Pa.].
Contrary to Bishop [William] McKendree's statement, the Philadelphia Conference believes that "Resolutions of the last General Conference relative to the election of presiding Elders" are not an infringement upon Constitution of Methodist Episcopal Church; resolutions "do not in our opinion prohibit or restrict any changes, alterations or new modifications of the episcopal powers or duties---provided such changes or alterations do not do away episcopacy or destroy the plan of our itinerant general superintendency"; "True copy given to N[athan] Bangs."
A.D.S. 2 pp. 25 cm. x 20 cm. Vol. 19, MS. 17. [135]

[1821] D[aniel] OSTRANDER, J[ames] SMITH, E[zekiel] C[OOPER].
"Joshua Soule, bishop elect, has signified in his letter to the episcopacy, which letter was read in open conference, that if he be ordained bishop he will not hold himself bound to be governed by a certain Resolution of this General Conference, relative to the nomination and election of presiding elders"; bishops are requested in this resolution to defer the ordination of Joshua Soule until he gives satisfactory explanations to this conference; "N.B. Br[other] J. S. declared to the Conference he had no explanation to give; he said what he

meant, and meant what he said---and that he could not in conscience enforce the resolutions alluded to"; requested "we look for redress some other way, and withdrew his proposed resolution for explanation."

A.Df.S. 2 pp. 18 cm. x 20 cm. Vol. 19, MS. 27. [136]

[1821] "Observator" [Ezekiel COOPER]. To Editors of Reformer.

Editors should continue to keep "a straight forward prudent course"; duty of everyone to promote "the intrinsic and permanent happiness of man here and hereafter"; should "firmly attack wrongs with the word of truth, the sword of the spirit"; "Probably the senior bishop of the Methodist connexion, and the zealous supporters of his high prelatical claims to power over his brethren . . . may feel displeasure at you, for your liberty taken in making extracts and observations on that subject"; pretention of the senior bishop [William McKendree] and his supporters to undue episcopal power has alienated minds of many; many now demand a reform; "The alarming attempts of the senior bishop at a stretch of power, to control and make null and void the proceedings of a general conference in the case of electing presiding elders, under his dictation and authority, and his assumption of undue prerogatives have made an impression which will not easily be erased"; senior bishop opposed the will of his two colleagues and two-thirds of Conference; laws of Discipline allow him no more authority than either of his colleagues; "even in the hierarchy of the Roman Catholic Church the decision of a General Council is final, and the pope himself with all his great powers submits"; cites Council of Constance; senior bishop, supporters should continue present course "if they mean to destroy their episcopacy."

A.Df.S. 6 pp. 22 cm. x 14.5 cm. Vol. 14, MS. 22.[137]

[1821] "Philo Episcopus" [Ezekiel COOPER].

"A Supplement to the 'Review of the Question in Controversy, Relative to the Bishops power'"; senior bishop [William McKendree] stated in open conference that to oversee is to overrule; "Perhaps he would have been as correct to have said, an overseer is an underruler as much as an overruler"; bishops oversee "under the General Conference who chose, appointed and employs them, and to whom they are responsible and amenable for their moral and official conduct"; quotes, "He that is the greatest among you, let him be the servant (not overruler) of all."

A.Df.S. 2 pp. 34.5 cm. x 21 cm. Vol. 19, MS. 15. [138]

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[1821] N[athan] BANGS, W[illiam] CAPERS.

Motion that three members desiring election of presiding elders, along with three opposing election, be appointed to confer on this subject until an arrangement agreeable to all is concluded; following men were appointed, Ezekiel Cooper, Nathan Bangs, John Emory, Stephen G. Roszel, Joshua Wells, William Capers.

D.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 11 cm. Vol. 19, MS. 29. [139]

[1821] "Philo Episcopus" [Ezekiel COOPER]. To Wesleyan Repository.

"A review of the Question in controversy relative to the bishop's power in choosing P[residing] E[lders] & stationing the preachers"; two questions: should bishop or Annual Conference choose presiding elders and, is bishop or a committee, chosen by Annual Conference, better qualified to appoint preachers to circuits, stations, districts?; believes preachers of long standing in every Annual Conference as well qualified as bishop to make selections; this may be presumed if their opportunities to obtain information have been the same or greater than bishop's; bishop not appearing within bounds of Conference for two, three, or more years cannot have knowledge of circumstances necessary to make proper appointments; even a "prudent, humble, undesigning" bishop cannot be expected to permit an infringement upon his constitutional prerogatives; "It might be a great office now to say as one said in 1792, in [James] O'Kelly's question about the bishops' power, 'It is an insult to my understanding and such tyran[n]ical despotism that I cannot or will not submit to it' . . . Oh, no, not now!"

A.Df.S. 4 pp. 34 cm. x 21 cm. Vol. 19, MS. 16. [140]

[1821] [Ezekiel COOPER.]

Notes concerning controversy over power of bishops and General Conferences, with references to past policy of [John] Wesley, [Francis] Asbury, [Thomas] Coke, which in this matter favored side of General Conferences.

A.Df. 2 pp. 16 cm. x 10 cm. Vol. 19, MS. 30. [141]

[1821] [Ezekiel COOPER.]

Report of committee appointed to confer with bishops upon subject of electing presiding elders: one bishop unfavorable to any change, "but appeared to desire conciliation"; another bishop favored resolution, offered by Cooper & [John] Emory, that bishops nominate three times the number of candidates needed to fill vacant offices; other bishop frankly acknowledged that he was in favor of conferences electing their presiding elders; since two bishops favor change, other not opposed to it, committee submits following resolutions [missing].

A.Df. 1 p. 24.5 cm. x 20 cm. Vol. 19, MS. 24. [142]

[1821] [Ezekiel COOPER.]

Resolutions holding that bishop shall nominate three times the number needed to fill vacancies among presiding elders; that Conference shall then elect by ballot number needed; that bishop may appoint presiding elders during the interval between Annual Conferences; that presiding elders shall comprise bishop's advisory council; "NB. The assistant Sec[retary] gave this copy to the chairman of the committee to arrange it in form for to go in the discipline---but it was afterward suspended strangely"; "carried 61 to 26, moved for reconsideration, lost by a tie of 43 to 43---a record vote---43 to 43---afterward by a strange maneuver the very evening before conference

rose, they [the resolutions] were suspended by a vote of 45 members, previously procured on paper, and prepared for the purpose and several of the opposite opinion were then absent."

A.D. 2 pp. 26 cm. x 20.5 cm. Vol. 19, MS. 25. [143]

Signed by S[tephen] Roszel, N[athan] Bangs, J[oshua] Wells, J[ohn] Emory, W[illiam] Capers.

[1821] [Ezekiel COOPER.]

"They confessed that argument is unnecessary; for they have secured a majority on paper---45 now---they had only 25 against the resolution . . . an evidence of out door and closet influence . . . two out of three [bishops] were in favor of the resolutions for election . . . 1. Meetings Light Street & silver smiths shop. 2. Resolution with 45 names obtained---How obtained? 3. [Ethelbert] Drake had prepared a motion before the communication from the Bishop [William McKendree]---But will any brother who voted for the compromise say that he was dissatisfied before he knew that the senior bishop & bishop elect [Joshua Soule] were opposed to it. 5. Stick to majority---so long as they do right---but not on the way to popery."

A.Df. 2 pp. 15.5 cm. x 9.5 cm. Vol. 19, MS. 31. [144]

[1821] [Ezekiel COOPER.]

Legislative power of Methodist Episcopal Church shall be vested between an equal number of itinerant ministers and local, lay delegates [with list of qualifications necessary for their election].

A.Df. 2 pp. 21 cm. x 21 cm. Vol. 19, MS. 7. [145]

[1821] [Ezekiel COOPER.]

After "considerable debate, confusion, and much excitement the vote by ballot was taken on the motion for reconsideration, and lost"; then Edward Cannon moved "to suspend the resolution of General Conference and to revive the old rule with respect to the choise of presiding elders until the next General Conference"; measure supported by 45 names, a majority obtained "through irregularity and unfairness"; with majority, some who might oppose them being absent, "they refused any postponement, even for a day"; when time for adjournment came, a resolution was passed to sit till the question was determined; "the main question was forced upon us in what we conceived an arbitrary outrage upon order, rights and privileges"; S[tephen] G. Roszel headed majority; "we do most solemnly protest against such proceedings, as unjust and unlawful, and as not being obligatory or binding upon us."

A.Df. 3 pp. 24.5 cm. x 20 cm. Vol. 19, MS. 22. [146]

[1821] [Ezekiel COOPER.]

Opinions of [Ethelbert] Drake, [James] Norton, [James] Quinn, [Henry] Ryan, [William] Capers, [Samuel] Dunwoody, as to whether bishops or General Conference are better qualified to choose presiding elders, with comments by Cooper.

A.Df. 4 pp. 17 cm. x 10.5 cm. Vol. 19, MS. 32. [147]

[1821] "Editor" [Ezekiel COOPER].

"The following review of the great controverted question, respecting the bishop's power, we think, will not fail to recommend itself to the friends of reform"; writer "is keen and close cutter or shaver"; has used no harsh and offensive invectives as were used in 1793 by advocates of [James] O'Kelly's resolution to reduce [Francis] Asbury's power in stationing preachers; "I cannot, or will not, submit to it" are words some elders, bishops might recall as delivered by one of the present supporters of bishops' powers; present advocates of reform do not wish to split the connection, as O'Kelly did; instead, will continue patient efforts for reformation.

A.Df.S. 1 p. 26 cm. x 20.5 cm. Vol. 14, MS. 8. [148]

[1821] [Ezekiel COOPER.]

"A concise or brief narrative of the proceedings at the General Conference, held by the delegates of the several Annual Conferences of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the United States of America, in the month of May A. D. 1820 upon the question, whether the Bishops or the Conference should choose or elect, the presiding elders to their offices---and which, incidentally, involved the question of the resignation of Joshua Soule, bishop elect and eventually occassioned his resignation and consequently prevented this consecration or ordination to the office of Superintendent---compiled from Notes, and memorandums, taken down in writing at and during the time of the General Conference, by one of the Members, and now published to prevent and to correct misunderstandings and misrepresentations."

A.Df. 1 p. 10.5 cm. x 19.5 cm. Vol. 19, MS. 26. [149]

1822 Mar. 1 Nicholas SNETHEN, Linganore [Md.]. To Ezekiel COOPER, Philadelphia [Pa.].

"You, like myself, I presume, begin to feel the admonitions of human infirmity in a way not to be misunderstood. . . . . The Elders who survived our Joshua will soon all be gathered to the fathers"; "If an hundred of the oldest men in the British connection could not preserve its union, how vain must be our hopes of success in this country! ; memorial, addressed to Philadelphia Conference, to appear in Wesleyan Repository; not sure it is yet necessary for an American Conference "to act"; "A circular is address[ed] to the Elders in the Baltimore Conference to associate in favor of a bill of Rights"; none but elders allowed seats in General Conference; bishops and p[residing] e[lder]s may prove more than a match for preachers and people unless some plan can be adopted to unite those with a common interest in rights and liberties of the church and ministry; "I am not without hopes that the Elders in this Conference will unite to a certain number, but I look to your side with the greater confidence"; believes "that Mr. [Joshua] S[oule] was fixed upon as one of the successors with the expressed condition of offering his resignation

as a kind of veto to any change---and that this is to be, as it were, a Rod in terrorem over the G. Conference," as in 1812; "really our whole history is full of proof that we have only whipped the devil round the stump or that all the essential attributes of [illegible word] are in fact exercised by the Bishops who appoint the P. E.'s."

A.L.S. 2 pp. 32 cm. x 19 cm. Vol. 15, MS. 45. [150]

1822 Apr. 5 — Martin RUTER, Cincinnati [O.]. To Ezekiel COOPER, Philadelphia [Pa.].

"This is a healthful part of the Western Country"; Methodists are most numerous denomination; nearly a hundred traveling preachers, more than 35,000 members in Ohio; two meeting houses, about 600 members in this city; Indiana, Illinois, Missouri "very destitute of books & preaching, except what are supplied by our travelling preachers"; local Book Concern "a kind of literary & religious institution"; advocates influence of Methodist Church in common schools; "our preachers, before they can be instrumental in the conversion of souls must have the labour of preaching away from them the prejudices of their education"; many local preachers would do more good as teachers; Bishop [William] McKendree has recommended that Annual Conferences advise next General Conference to adopt suspended resolutions; other two superintendents also recommend this course; "If you favour this course, a majority of the Philadelphia Conference will follow your example"; preachers in West opposing plan would yield point for sake of unity; if plan fails, the disunion at next Gen[eral] Conference will be greater than at last; Sister Ann Garnett has requested by letter that a purchaser of her lands be found; asks to be remembered to preachers, friends in Philadelphia.

A.L.S. 3 pp. 31 cm. x 18 cm. Vol. 15, MS. 40. [151]

1822 June 20 — [Ezekiel COOPER] New York [N. Y.]. To Editor of Wesleyan Repository.

"Led seriously to reflect upon your editorial remarks relative to . . . an approbation of the sentiments of some of your correspondence, but had disapproved of the manner of communicating those opinions"; should have told readers whether complaint was against "the open undisguised honest candour of your correspondents in avowing their sentiments, or whether it was against the Repository as the medium of communication"; perhaps only offense was given to "those high toned prerogative men, who wish to maintain and uphold certain powers and authorities, right or wrong in the hands of themselves and their bishops"; eventually, such a policy would "envelop the whole connexion in the vortex of prelatical dictation or usurpation"; constitutional infringements only mentioned when their favorite power or authority is in least resisted; "constitution" is any part of Discipline that a bishop may choose to call a constitution, to answer his purpose in supporting an opinion; "see Bishop [Francis] Asburys Journal, Vol. 2, Pages

140, 147, 148"; in 1792, bishop was bound to obey and execute decisions of a Gen[era]l Conference, this according to Asbury, [Thomas] Coke, [James] O'Kelly, [William] McKendree, others.

A.Df. 3 pp. 18 cm. x 15.5 cm. Vol. 7, MS. 3. [152]

1822 Sept. 2 F[reeborn] GARRETTSON, Rhinebeck [N. Y.]. To Ezekiel COOPER, Newcastle, Delaware.

Mission Chapel to be completed in three weeks; "48 hours after starting in the steamboat from Philadelphia you may join our family circle"; occasionally preaches three sermons a day; tomorrow will set out for camp meeting at Harvistraw [Haverstraw, N. Y.]; people in [New] York "greatly distressed"; expects many, "who have fled from their habitations to escape the raging fever," at meeting; Mrs. Suckley, family, here for season; [Daniel] Ostrander's plan was laid aside at New England Conference; Col. Few, family, left yesterday; I. Summerfield not yet arrived; "Br[other] Young is stationed with us---a man of information, and preaching abilities"; "My face is set against Deism, Socinianism, and Arianism, sin and the Devil"; "we will strive before we die to shove down the devil's kingdom."

A.L.S. 2 pp. 25 cm. x 20 cm. Vol. 12, MS. 6. [153]

1822 W[illiam] McKENDREE. To Philadelphia, New York, New England, and Genesee [N. Y.] Annual Conferences for 1822.

Believes resolutions passed at last General Conference, authorizing respective annual conferences to elect presiding elders, are infringement on constitution of Methodist Episcopal Church; many preachers believe likewise; it is duty of bishops "to oversee the spiritual and temporal business of the Church"; "to oversee implies power to overrule"; power to overrule guarantees power to appoint preachers; "Discipline of the Church invests the bishops with the power of choosing the presiding elders"; resolutions of last General Conference would invest annual conferences with this power; change affects General Superintendency in its vital parts; therefore an infringement on constitution; "To accomodate and settle this unhappy difference amongst us . . . you are invited to take up the subject, and adopt such measures as will harmonize the body."

A.D.S. 1 p. 32.5 cm. x 20 cm. Vol. 19, MS. 17. [154]

[1822] [Ezekiel COOPER.]

"Constitution" might be any part of the Discipline emphasized by senior bishop "to enable him and his prerogative coadjutors to exert their influence and authority successfully, in suspending the laws, resolutions, and authority of General Conference, even when such laws or resolutions are passed by more than two thirds of a General Conference, and approved by two thirds of the bishops"; such an attitude not consistent in one "who in 1792 resisted, renounced, and threw off a father [Francis] Asbury's authority, and withdrew from a General Con-

ference, in company with [James] O'Kelly and Co. could not influence the general conference to prostrate father Asbury's power of stationing the preachers, at the feet of every annual conference"; Asbury always considered General Conference the highest authority; [Thomas] Coke agreed; O'Kelly, [William] McKendree, others labored to influence General Conference to limit power of bishops; failing, they withdrew from Conference; "What changes in a change of situation."

A.Df. 4 pp. 20 cm. x 12.5 cm. Vol. 14, MS. 21. [155]

1823 July 24 — M[artin] RUTER, Cincinnati [O.]. To Ezekiel COOPER, Philadelphia [Pa.].

Received letter sent by [John] Wilson; agrees General Conference members are better qualified than bishops to select presiding elders; in future only bishops willing to be governed by General Conference should be elected; two or three itinerant preachers in vicinity are ready to reject constitution and admit a delegation to General Conference of local preachers and laymen; readers of Wesleyan Repository, both local preachers and laity, are calling for a delegation; thinks Repository hostile to church government; opposes any change; suspended resolutions could be brought into operation if advocates united; suspended resolutions were brought before an Ohio Conference with B[isho]p [William] McKendree's address; resolution making suspended resolutions unconstitutional without recommendation of Annual Conference was offered at Ohio Conference; could not favor it; favored resolution to place suspended resolutions in Discipline; expected this resolution to be adopted in South, West; expected Baltimore, Philadelphia, Northern conferences to approve; believes next General Conference will favor change.

A.L.S. 4 pp. 24.5 cm. x 20 cm. Vol. 15, MS. 41. [156]

1824 Feb. 4 — Truman BISHOP, Cincinnati [O.]. To Ezekiel COOPER, Philadelphia [Pa.].

Received letter last summer; agrees that a bishop should submit to decisions of General Conference; not in favor of making bishops judges of constitutionality of laws, as proposed in resolution originated in N[ew] York and laid before Ohio Conference; believes delegates from Ohio Conference will not oppose suspended resolutions; question of lay delegation, somewhat popular in this city among members, is very unpopular among traveling preachers of West; "When I read the Weslian [Wesleyan] Repository and look at other facts which exist in our connection, I am lead to think you will have squally times at Baltimore next May"; thinks local district conferences will "ultimately revolutionise our government, or produce a division of the connection"; month of May, 1824, will be an important epoch in history of Methodism in America; believes letter from Philadelphia incorrect in stating that [William] McKendree is friendly to lay delegation; desires information on subject; has been ill for more than a year; manages to preach twice on Sundays.

A.L.S. 4 pp. 24 cm. x 18.5 cm. Vol. 15, MS. 9. [157]

1826 Apr. 4 — Caleb S. LAYTON, Georgetown [D. C.]. To Ezekiel COOPER.

"Sir, an honest man has been injured, a Christian has been expelled your society, and by methods, which, I fear, reflect but little credit upon the wisdom, or liberality or honesty of the authors of the wrong"; Caleb Rodney, native of Lewes [Del.], forty years a member of society, was expelled "upon a charge of having sued upon their bonds, John M. West & Baily A. West, two members of meeting"; Wests are brothers-in-law of Rodney; were raised by him; furnished them capital to enter Mercantile business; took "plain bonds" as security; Wests withheld payment; "one of them has gone so far as publickly to insult and offer to fight Mr. Rodney"; after several years, case was referred to committee of three members of meeting; report favored Rodney; then case was referred to committee of five; after a year, no decision rendered; "Mr. Rodney at length actuated by that sense of duty which every man owes himself and family, commenced suits upon the bonds"; upon this the Wests lodged a complaint with Mr. White against Mr. Rodney; committee of five appointed by Mr. White decided Rodney was justified in suing; "Mr. White not satisfied (although he had promised so to be) with the unanimous report of the committee, carried the matter by what he called an appeal to the Q. N. [Quarterly?] Conference, where by means of his influence & the influence of Mr. [Lawrence] Lawrenson, Mr. Rodney was declared to be no longer a member of meeting"; "opinion of all good men here" favors Rodney; Mr. White, Mr. Lawrenson, "sorry for their conduct," propagate rumor that Mr. Rodney was expelled for not submitting to decision of arbitrators; Rodney now requests reinstatement; expects justice from Annual Conference.

A.L.S. 4 pp. 23 cm. x 18 cm. Vol. 15, MS. 29. [158]

1826 Apr. 10 — Freeborn GARRETTSON, Rhinebeck [N. Y.]. To Ezekiel COOPER, Philadelphia [Pa.].

Snow storm prevented departure for Philadelphia today; asks that Dr. [Thomas H.] Sargent and family be told reason for not coming; restored to good health by "the free use of the Saratoga Water"; wife, daughter in good health; Br[other] Sands died; daughter Christiana, son John live in mansion house; "we have built one of the most han[d]som[e] churches in the state"; at present work does not prosper; "Dear Mrs. Suckley is gone"; supposes delegate for England will be chosen at Conference.

A.L.S. 2 pp. 25 cm. x 20 cm. Vol. 12, MS. 7. [159]

1826 Apr. 11 — P. N. HOPPER, Centreville [Pa.]. To Ezekiel COOPER, care of Dr. [John] Emory, Philadelphia [Pa.].

"On Saturday last two coloured persons, a man and a woman were offered for sale at your suit and finding Negro traders present and that one would be taken out of the state if sold, I forbid the sale and agreed to a proposition previously made me, which was to take Doct[o]r Ric[har]d C. Downes'

bond for $300 and a note with good security for the balance"; "Young Godwin appeared very anxious that the blacks should not be sold and I thought if you yourself had been present you would not have suffered them to be sold under the circumstance"; only remaining property of Thomas Godwin unadministered; wants advice on matter immediately; Mrs. Hopper not recovered from influenza.

A.L.S. 2 pp. 23 cm. x 20 cm. Vol. 15, MS. 23. [160]

1831 Mar. 9 William THACHER, P[residing] E[lder], Joseph L. INGHS, Sec'y, Methodist Episcopal Union Church, Philadelphia [Pa.].

Resolution against conferral of title "Doctor of Divinity" on members of Methodist ministry; no such title given to Apostles and primitive ministers of gospel; "Mr. John Wesley often expressed his decided aversion to high sounding titles"; "may become a source of temptation, and lead to the idea of superiority . . . spiritual lordship and domination"; no support to be given to colleges conferring such a title; committee, consisting of Joseph L. Inghs and John Gilder, should present this resolution to Quarterly conferences in Philadelphia district.

D.S. 2 pp. 25 cm. x 20 cm. Vol. 13, MS. 3. [161]

1832 Feb. 6 Adam CLARK, Haydon Hall, Middlesex [Eng.]. To J[ohn] EMORY, B[everly] WAUGH, N[athan] BANGS, F. HALL, Geo. SACKLEY.

Stay in West of England delayed receipt of letter; invitation to visit the United States might have been accepted several months earlier; pledged now to serve in England, Ireland; proposed visit to Shetland Islands; too old to justify trip to America by preaching; can preach only one sermon a day; gave up evening preaching, "as I found the night air peculiarly injurious to my health"; believes American preachers to be close imitators of original Methodists; should retain original simplicity in spirit, manners, mode of worship; should not permit "some of the more innocent forms of the world to enter into the Church"; should observe Discipline "without bending it to circumstances or impairing its vigour by frivolous exceptions & Partialities"; "As I believe your Nation to be destined to be the mightiest and happiest nation on the Globe, so I believe that your Church is likely to become the most extensive and pure in the Universe"; "As a Nation be firmly united, entertain no petty differences, total[l]y abolish the Slave Trade (if it be not yet done), abhor all offensive wars, never provoke even the punyest State, & never strike the first blow . . . . encourage Agriculture & friendly traffic, cultivate the sciences & Art . . . . ever maintain your Liberty, avoid as its Bane & Ruin, a National Debt"; grateful for invitation to visit United States.

Copy. 4 pp. 25 cm. x 20 cm. Vol. 13, MS. 14. [162]

1832 May 4 W[illiam] CAPERS, To Ezekiel COOPER, Philadelphia [Pa.].

Speaks for South Carolina delegation in requesting that

one member of each delegation be picked "to confer freely together respecting what persons might be most acceptable to all the Conferences in the Episcopal office"; South Carolina Conference feels free to offer this plan, since no member seeks office in General Conference.

A.L.S. 2 pp. 18.5 cm. x 11.5 cm. Vol. 15, MS. 10. [163]

1834 Apr. 7 Thomas MORRELL, Elizabethtown [N. J.]. To Ezekiel COOPER, Philadelphia [Pa.].

"First, my brother, to use Methodistical phraseology, I am a little tried with you, in passing through this town & not calling to see me & again coming near to this place, and not calling to break bread with me"; John Dow, for more than forty years a distinguished local preacher, deserves recognition; always assisted itinerant brethren; "Father & supporter of the society at Belleville [N. Y.]"; builder of present church; his house a home for preachers for thirty years; now sixty-seven years old; "some of our preachers treated him (to say the best of it) imprudently"; weakened his attachment to government of the church; was approached by "one of the radicals of the first talent"; resisted temptation to break away; believes "he should if consistent with our discipline, stand in some relation to the Philadelphia Conference, something like an honorary supernumerary"; Dr. [Joseph] Dunn received similar honor; Dow more deserving; may be to advantage of church in this part of New Jersey; unable to attend conference at Newark; "I expect to meet you in heaven."

A.L.S. 4 pp. 18 cm. x 15 cm. Vol. 15, MS. 37. [164]

1839 Apr. 3 Wm. M. DALLAM. Halls X Roads, Harford County, Md. To Ezekiel COOPER, Philadelphia [Pa.].

Inquires of interesting letters of [Thomas] Rankin and [Joseph] Pilmoore sent to Cooper for publication in the Christian Advocate; recently read first volume of [Nathan] Bangs' "history of Methodism" [A History of the Methodist Episcopal Church]; if second volume is still unpublished, letters should be forwarded to Bangs; some years ago sent Bishop [John] Emory an interesting manuscrip[t] which was written to Dallam's father by [George] Shadford; account of death-bed conversion of "an infidel who was of Royal Blood & held a high commission in the Army & who received in some battle in Germany a mortal wound"; Emory commented on it after preaching sermon in Light Street Meetinghouse, Baltimore; was supposed to have been published in Christian Advocate; Emory lost it; "circuit preachers preach at my house every two weeks in consequence of the loss of our little meeting house by fire where in former times an [Francis] Asbury, a [Richard] Whatcoat, a [Freeborn] Garrettson, a Cooper held forth"; requests visit; will furnish introduction to circuit preachers.

A.L.S. 4 pp. 23 cm. x 18 cm. Vol. 15, MS. 15. [165]

Annotation by Cooper: "Answered Apr. 13, 1839. The letters of Rankin and Pilmoore are in possession of Tho[ma]s Mason our Book Agent, New York."

1839 Oct. 29 Wm. M. DALLAM, Harford County, Md. To Ezekiel COOPER, Philadelphia [Pa.].

Circuit preachers speak here every other week; has been reading [Nathan] Bangs' "History of Methodism" [A History of the Methodist Episcopal Church]; recalls childhood, "when the old messengers of the M[ethodist] Church used to visit my father's house in 'olden times' and dandle me on their knees"; recalls incidents in connection with Robert Williams related by "my father and the late Freeborn Garret[t]son"; came to this district in 1772 or 1773 from Baltimore; after services it was proposed that Williams speak in church; congregation objected; a "Mr. I. G." offered use of adjoining land; Williams accepted invitation; half way through sermon, "one of the Vestry offered his Overseer a gallon of Rum to pull him down"; succeeded in doing so; vote was then taken; majority favored continuance of sermon; at conclusion several were converted, including Freeborn Garrettson and his brother; Garrettson, on recent visit, confirmed incident; once Williams, bound for Baltimore, put in at Norfolk [Va.]; Williams stopped before empty house; began singing; soon had crowd praying, singing in street; asked someone in audience for a night's lodging; ship captain's wife came forward; at her house all assembled for prayers; she was there converted; her husband at sea, his log book later bore out, had been unable to sleep that night until he had fallen on his knees in prayer; "I am happy to read in the Christian Advocate that the Methodist Conferences have come to a resolution to collect all the history & narratives of the origin of Old Methodism in this country & have them published"; asks about manuscripts of [Francis] Asbury, [Enoch] George, [William] McKendree, and "other veterans of the cross"; now only names of [John] Emory, [Wilbur] Fisk "blaze on the pages of every periodical."

A.L.S. 4 pp. 31.5 cm. x 19.5 cm. Vol. 15, MS. 16. [166]

Annotation by Cooper: "Rec[eive]d Nov. 4, 1839 from the Bookstore by Br[other] Nicholson". incidents herein mentioned should be forwarded to Dr. Bangs.

n.d. F[rancis] ASBURY. To [Ezekiel] COOPER, New York [N. Y.].

"He that ruleth over man should be just"; difficult to speak to delegates of either General or Annual Conference; "If I have gained anything by serving you to my 33 years of my age in America it is your confidence and affection"; every Deacon in charge of station in a circuit is a presiding elder in a sense, "I beg you would state the case of those ejected Leaders, many will know whom you mean"; "we ought to guard against those office rightsmen, these Local Presiding Elders for 3 or 4 years in a Town or City that can change or suspend Leaders of 20 or 30 years standing."

A.L.S. 4 pp. 25 cm. x 20 cm. Vol. 18, MS. 12. [167]

Verso: "Henry Willes is called a Local preacher by some but how many miles has he rode in the year every other Sabbath

at Frederick Town. 30 miles a Day, a man so affected as he is, Mark that.

n.d. [Ezekiel COOPER.]
Poem, "A Tribute to the memory of James King, Deacon in the Methodist Episcopal Church, who died in Charleston, September 18th, 1797."
A.Df. 4 pp. 33 cm. x 20 cm. Vol. 20, MS. 22. [168]

n.d. [Ezekiel COOPER.]
"On the death of a child," a poem.
A.Df. 1 p. 23.5 cm. x 19 cm. Vol. 13, MS. 10. [169]

n.d. [Ezekiel COOPER.]
"The Miser," a poem.
A.Df. 1 p. 17.5 cm. x 19 cm. Vol. 7, MS. 46. [170]

n.d. [Ezekiel COOPER.] To Mrs. Rebecca STERLING, Burlington [N. J.].
"Long had she known the Saviour's love," a poem.
A.Df. 2 pp. 20 cm. x 19.5 cm. Vol. 7, MS. 59. [171]

n.d. [Ezekiel COOPER.]
"You wish me to write in your book," a poem.
A.Df. 2 pp. 12 cm. x 10 cm. Vol. 7, MS. 43. [172]

n.d. [Ezekiel COOPER.]
"With humble worth, improved by grace divine," a poem.
A.Df. 2 pp. 41.5 cm. x 17.5 cm. Vol. 20, MS. 24. [173]

n.d. [Ezekiel COOPER.]
Poems, "For freedom I've stood, some time in defense," "On the Tale of the Cow, From the New York Magazine for Jan. 7, 1792."
A.Df. 3 pp. 33 cm. x 20 cm. Vol. 20, MS. 23. [174]

n.d. [Ezekiel COOPER.]
"O earth! thou hast received from pain and strife," a poem.
A.Df. 1 p. 22 cm. x 10.5 cm. Vol. 13, MS. 11. [175]

n.d. [Ezekiel COOPER.]
Hymn, "The voice of free grace cries," with following notations: "John Bro[a]dhead P. E., Holland [Mass.], Augustus Jocelin, Henry Eames; Pomfret, New London [Conn.], Peter Camest, Phinehas Peck, James Ames; Chesterfield [?], Abner Wood, Martin Ruter; Weathersfield [Vt.], John Nichols, Elijah Ward; Hanover [?], Reuben Jones, Joshua Crowell, Vershire [Vt., N. H.], Truman Bishop, Thos. Branch; Landaff [N. H.], Elijah R. Sabin, Nathan Felch; Bernard[ston, Mass.], Joseph

Crawford; Missionaries for Canada, Samuel Draper, Seth Crowell."
A.Df. 2 pp. 19 cm. x 16 cm. Vol. 7, MS. 56. [176]

n.d. [Ezekiel COOPER.]
Hymn, "A Saviour! let creation sing!"
A.Df. 2 pp. 20.5 cm. x 16 cm. Vol. 7, MS. 53. [177]

n.d. [Ezekiel COOPER.]
"The rise and fall of Roman Emperors, from Caeser to Constantine," in verse.
A.Df. 5 pp. 20 cm. x 18 cm. Vol. 20, MS. 27. [178]

n.d. [Ezekiel COOPER.]
Data from [John] Lempriere's Universal Biography concerning Ralph Erskine, John d'Espagne, Faustus, John Flavel, Patrick Forbes, Edward Fowler, Edward Fox, John Fox, Thomas Fuller, Theophilus Gale, Joseph Glanvil, Francis Rous, with comments by Cooper to the effect that in the matter of ordination there have been many inconsistencies and omissions.
A.Df. 4 pp. 22 cm. x 13.5 cm. Vol. 14, MS. 5. [179]

n.d. [Ezekiel COOPER.]
Passages quoted from [John] Lempriere's Universal Biography.
A.Df. 8 pp. 19 cm. x 12 cm. Vol. 14, MS. 17. [180]

n.d. [Ezekiel COOPER.]
Sketches from [John] Lempriere's Universal Biography of Edmund Calamy, William Carstares, Isaac Casaubon, Stephen Charnock, David Clarkson, Peter Francis Couroyer, John Denton, Henry Dodwell, with comments by Cooper.
A.Df. 4 pp. 13 cm. x 19 cm. Vol. 14, MS. 18. [181]

n.d. [Ezekiel COOPER.]
References to instances of "shouting" in Scripture, The Life of the Rev. John William Fletcher by Joseph Benson, "A Display of God's special grace in a familiar Dialogue between a minister and a gentleman of his congregation about the work of God" by Jonathan Dickinson of "ElizaTown" [Elizabeth, N. J.], "The Distinguishing Marks of a Work of the Spirit of God" by Jonathan Edwards, and Surprising Accounts of the Revival of Religion, published by William W. Woodward.
A.Df. 2 pp. 20 cm. x 12.5 cm. Vol. 7, MS. 24. [182]

n.d. [Ezekiel COOPER] St. Joseph Ball's near Phila[delphia, Pa.].
Passages concerning ecclesiastical rank quoted and paraphrased from A Complete Christian Dictionary by Thomas Wilson, "one of the six preachers at St. Georges in Canterbury and by John Bagwell, and Andrew Simson, minister of the gospel, London --printed 1678."
A.Df. 2 pp. 17 cm. x 20 cm. Vol. 14, MS. 26. [183]

n.d. [Ezekiel COOPER.]
Discussion of "gospel ministry" based on words "episcopoi," "presbuteroi," with reference to The Case of the Episcopal churches in the United States considered, published by David C. Claypoole, Philadelphia, 1782.
A.Df. 2 pp. 27 cm. x 22.5 cm. Vol. 14, MS. 13. [184]

n.d. [Ezekiel COOPER.] To Wesleyan Repository.
"Sundry extracts---Submitted to the calm reflection of Bishops, and others, of the Methodist Episcopal Church; in relation to their Restrictive Regulations &c"; quotations from Letters to the Honorable Mr. Justice Blackstone by Philip Furneaux, D. D.
A.Df. 2 pp. 20 cm. x 16 cm. Vol. 7, MS. 4. [185]

n.d. [Ezekiel COOPER.]
References to passages in the Bible concerning the ordination of bishops or overseers, with comments by Cooper.
A.Df. 2 pp. 25 cm. x 20 cm. Vol. 19, MS. 7. [186]

n.d. [Ezekiel COOPER.]
References to passages in John William Fletcher's Checks to Antinomianism.
A.Df. 2 pp. 20.5 cm. x 9.5 cm. Vol. 7, MS. 35.[187]

n.d. [Ezekiel COOPER.]
Passages quoted from John William Fletcher's Checks to Antinomianism.
A.Df. 2 pp. 25.5 cm. x 7.5 cm. Vol. 7, MS. 37.[188]

n.d. [Ezekiel COOPER.]
Passages quoted from John William Fletcher's Checks to Antinomianism.
A.Df. 2 pp. 8 cm. x 17.5 cm. Vol. 7, MS. 38. [189]

n.d. [Ezekiel COOPER.]
Biblical quotations under heading, "Faith in heaven."
A.Df. 1 p. 20 cm. x 17 cm. Vol. 7, MS. 31. [190]

n.d. [Ezekiel COOPER.]
Biblical quotations.
A.Df. 1 p. 19 cm. x 16 cm. Vol. 7, MS. 32. [191]

n.d. [Ezekiel COOPER.]
References to "Word of the Lord or of God" in Scriptures.
A.Df. 4 pp. 20 cm. x 12.5 cm. Vol. 7, MS. 19. [192]

n.d. [Ezekiel COOPER.]
Passages quoted from [Louis Ellies] Du Pin, [Richard] Montagu, with comments by Cooper.
A.Df. 2 pp. 20.5 cm. x 15 cm. Vol. 14, MS. 20.[193]

n.d. [Ezekiel COOPER.]
Passages quoted from Monuments of Washington's Patriotism.
A.Df. 4 pp. 20 cm. x 17.5 cm. Vol. 7, MS. 48. [194]

n.d. [Ezekiel COOPER.]
Definitions of words "constituent," "constitute," "constitutional," "constitution," "government," from Barclay's Dictionary.
A.Df. 1 p. 20 cm. x 9 cm. Vol. 19, MS. 34. [195]

n.d. [Ezekiel COOPER] at Christopher Brook's, Newark [N. J.].
Passages quoted from Two Treatises on the Christian Priesthood, and on the Dignity of the Episcopal Order by George Hickes.
A.Df. 3 pp. 20 cm. x 17 cm. Vol. 14, MS. 16. [196]

n.d. [Ezekiel COOPER] At Mr. Yearly's, Baltimore [Md.].
Passages quoted from Edward Stillingfleet's Irenicum, or A Weapon-Slave for the Churches Wounds.
A.Df. 34 pp. 34 cm. x 21 cm. Vol. 21. [197]

n.d. [Ezekiel COOPER.]
Quoted passages from "An Essay on The Plan of Salvation by Asa Shinn."
A.Df. 4 pp. 34 cm. x 21 cm. Vol. 20, MS. 29. [198]

n.d. "Auditor": Ezekiel COOPER. "For Mrs. Agnes Boyer."
Sermon based on Thessalonians, 5:19.
A.Df.S. 7 pp. 25 cm. x 20 cm. Vol. 13, MS. 1. [199]
Verso: "An abstract of a sermon delivered at Wesley Chapel, Dover [Del.], Feb[ruar]y 7th, 1817 By the Rev[eren]d Ezekiel Cooper."

n.d. [Ezekiel COOPER.]
Sermon entitled "Religion is the foundation of Society."
A.Df. 2 pp. 19.5 cm. x 17 cm. Vol. 7, MS. 22. [200]

n.d. [Ezekiel COOPER,]
Sermon based on Genesis 4:7.
A.Df. 63 pp. 20 cm. x 17 cm. Vol. 5, MS. 1. [201]

n.d. [Ezekiel COOPER.]
List of sermons, the titles of some of which are "Awakening and Inviting," "Supplication and Prayer," "Rejoicing and Praise," "Death and Judgment."
A.Df. 1 p. 30 cm. x 18 cm. Vol. 19, MS. 12. [202]

n.d. [Ezekiel COOPER.]
Sermon notes.
A.Df. 2 pp. 20.5 cm. x 13 cm. Vol. 7, MS. 30. [203]

n.d. [Ezekiel COOPER.]
Notes for sermon or article on "Mercy."
A.Df. 1 p. 21.5 cm. x 17 cm. Vol. 7, MS. 20. [204]

n.d. [Ezekiel COOPER.]
Sermon notes.
A.Df. 1 p. 21.5 cm. x 18.5 cm. Vol. 7, MS. 29. [205]

n.d. [Ezekiel COOPER.]
Sermon notes.
A.Df. 4 pp. 20 cm. x 12.5 cm. Vol. 7, MS. 23. [206]

n.d. [Ezekiel COOPER.]
Anecdotes concerning Pythagoras, his Proposition, Archimedes and specific gravity, and Zorobabel mentioned in the Books of Esdras.
A.Df. 2 pp. 7.5 cm. x 12.5 cm. Vol. 7, MS. 41. [207]

n.d. [Ezekiel COOPER.]
Sermon based on James 1:25.
A.Df. 26 pp. 27 cm. x 21.5 cm. Vol. 11, MS. 1. [208]

n.d. Ezekiel COOPER.
Sermon notes.
A.Df.S. 15 pp. 20 cm. x 15 cm. Vol. 7, MS. 61. [209]

n.d. [Ezekiel COOPER.]
Sermon notes.
A.Df. 1 p. 11 cm. x 10 cm. Vol. 7, MS. 34. [210]

n.d. [Ezekiel COOPER.]
"All history makes it obvious that in the primitive organized churches, all officers were chosen or elected by the respected churches"; cites Eusebius, [Louis Ellies] Du Pin, [Lawrence] Echard, [John Lawrence] Mosheim; organized churches were never deprived of that right until a falling away took place, and ecclesiastical hierarchy, secular power, and civil polity became arbitrary; [Francis] Asbury, though appointed by [John] Wesley, was elected by bishops, elders, deacons, preachers, stewards, book agents, trustees of charter fund.
A.Df. 2 pp. 17.5 cm. x 11 cm. Vol. 19, MS. 33. [211]

n.d. "Amen" [Ezekiel COOPER]. To Editor, Wesleyan Repository.
"Among a certain description of high toned men zealously affected for the support of certain well known but questionable prerogatives in the Methodist Episcopacy and advocates for exclusive privileges in the Methodist Magazine . . . there exists a strong impulse of suspicion that your periodical publication is to be an opposition paper"; "Truth and justice can certainly invite candid examination"; pleased with address, "To the Ministers, Members and Friends of the Methodist Episcopal Church," published in first number; unaware of "design to revolutionize the connexion"; columns should be open

to scriptural and primitive doctrines, discipline; should oppose impositions and arbitrary dogmatisms from whatever quarter they may come; "jealous suspecters and the ungenerous censurers, themselves, are influenced by much more unfair and unjustifiable and reprehensible principles and designs than those whom they suspect and censure"; "It is to be hoped that the days of Vatican interdictions are to be no more."

A.Df.S. 4 pp. 18 cm. x 15.5 cm. Vol. 7, MS. 2. [212]

n.d. [Ezekiel COOPER.] To Wm. McK[ENDREE].

"Did you not circulate and propagate in the western or southern country or both, among the preachers, that they must or should be on their guard against the eastern preachers, meaning the preachers belonging to the New England, New York and Philadelphia Conferences, and those of Baltimore & Genesee Conferences who agreed with them?"; implied that eastern preachers were planning "a revolution of some kind" in Methodist Church; western, southern brethren were aroused to oppose every proposition from eastern brethren favoring reform in any part of administration of church government, whether for better or worse; evidence of discord in General Conference; "What were the fears and thoughts of Jessie Walker, Peter Cartwright, James Axley, Joseph Foulks, John Scripps, John Schroeder &c. (as in conversations intended in part with Wm. Foulks, when he was in the west---1816), what passed at Tennessee Conference, about the time of electing the delegates to the general conference, put[t]ing the preachers on their guard about the designs of the eastern preachers as if they intended or designed 'revolution'?"; not "the pious duty or humble work of a bishop to be an artful intriguer to carry favorite points to support his own power and influence, at the expense of unity, peace, and brotherly kindness"; cites arguments of 1816, 1820, "J[oshua] S[oule]'s pamphlet"; "Who united with [James O']K[elley] in 1792 in opposition to Bishop [Francis] A[sbury]'s sole appointment of the preachers to their circuits and stations?"; "the same man" has reversed his sentiment so as now to exert all his influence to support Bishop McKendree's power by overruling two-thirds of bishops and more than two-thirds of General Conference.

A.Df. 2 pp. 24 cm. x 20 cm. Vol. 19, MS. 23. [213]

n.d. [Ezekiel COOPER.]

History of "the apostolic orders of the ministry," with etymological remarks.

A.Df. 6 pp. 26.5 cm. x 22 cm. Vol. 14, MS. 1. [214]

n.d. [Ezekiel COOPER.]

Heard minister "argue that David, Saul, Peter, Judas, and others, had been good and gracious men, according to their dispensation, and that by transgression they fell from grace"; no apostle "a devil, a hypocrite, a son of perdition, as such" chosen to preach Gospel; apostles prayed that the better man,

whether Joseph or Matthias, would be chosen to succeed Judas; Judas, since chosen by Christ, could not have been a devil.
A.Df. 2 pp. 20 cm. x 16 cm. Vol. 7, MS. 50. [215]

n.d. [Ezekiel COOPER.] To The Watchman.
"At present, a considerable dispute is going on in this Town publickly and privately, upon the question of the necessary infal[l]ible, unavoidable and final perseverance of the saints"; some denominations more influenced by prejudices than by "the calm deliberate dictates of their understandings"; lives of David, Saul, Solomon, Judas, Peter, "should be candidly and impartially considered"; theological opinions should yield to testimony of Scriptures; heard a minister argue, "Once in grace always in grace"; if such a doctrine were true, "David was obviously in grace, even when in the bed of voluptuousness with Uriah's wife"; and "perhaps, all may take encouragement, that do what they may, then salvation is sure."
A.Df. 2 pp. 20 cm. x 20 cm. Vol. 7, MS. 5. [216]

n.d. "Philanthrophy Philogathus": Ezekiel COOPER, Annapolis [Md.]. To GREEN [Editor, Maryland Gazette, Annapolis, Md.].
Read "curious production" headed "Everlasting Damnation" in last issue of Maryland Gazette; "If 'Eternal torture' will not deter men from wickedness, most certainly a shorter, or limited, time will not"; magnitude of a crime is in proportion to dignity of character against whom it is committed; no "rational creature can ask, or expect more merciful terms from his Creator than sufficient time and means to repent, believe and obey and thereupon to receive salvation."
A.Df.S. 4 pp. 20 cm. x 16 cm. Vol. 7, MS. 12. [217]

n.d. [Ezekiel COOPER.]
"Jesus Christ never told us . . . that a saint would not fall from grace, and finally be lost"; such doctrines "have been invented and promulgated by predestinarian and antinomian divines"; "When a doctrine is not plain to conscious or rational perception . . . then certain philosophical theologians and speculating divines, and sectarian System makers and confessional supporters of palpable inconsistencies, fall to making books, large and small, from folios to six cent pamphlets, containing explanations, vindications, answers, sermons, addresses, &c. &c., which in every deed are often unintelligible to their own very selves"; "if our goodness has nothing to do with our election and salvation as a condition, how has our sin anything to do with our reprobation and damnation as a condition?"
A.Df. 1 p. 25.5 cm. x 20 cm. Vol. 13, MS. 8. [218]

n.d. [Ezekiel COOPER.] To New York Weekly Magazine.
"It is by Reason that mankind are princip[a]l[l]y distinguished from the brutal creation"; difficult to determine "real principle of genuine Reason"; "the same man will con-

ceive a thing to be unreasonable today which yesterday he apprehended to be very reasonable"; Reason only promotes error if conceptions are wrong; human Reason is fallible; cites "Courts of Judicator or Legislative Bodies"; there the "Weather Cock of the human mind is changed by a different wind"; "life and immortallity are brought to light by the Gospel Revelation"; if one followed Epicurus "he would persuade us that Atheism was reasonable, or at least that all things existed without a creator and that the chief end of man was to follow his sensual propensities in all things that would give pleasure . . . . And that vice was equal if not superior to virtue."

A.Df. 4 pp. 34.5 cm. x 21.5 cm. Vol. 20, MS. 10.[219]

n.d. [Ezekiel COOPER.] To Virginia Gazette [Alexandria, Va.].

Men should not allow personal opinions to pass for infallible; "I wonder (said one) that I can never meet with anybody always right but myself"; "there is no surer way to plung[e] into errors than to follow implicitly a perverse reason"; every judgment contrary to Scriptures should be suspended as false; study of religion, government, philosophy should be in accordance with Scriptures, "the rule of life."

A.Df. 4 pp. 20.5 cm. x 16 cm. Vol. 7, MS. 11. [220]

n.d. "Philanthro Rational" [Ezekiel COOPER].

"Reason is a noble faculty, but none more dangerous to follow when preverted"; "Reason changes very quick . . . . We look to Revelation which is infal[l]ible and in respect of morral duties immutably the same"; many guilty of "bending Revelation to impotent Reason."

A.Df.S. 2 pp. 33.5 cm. x 21 cm. Vol. 20, MS. 11.[221]

n.d. [Ezekiel COOPER.]

Notes, some in Greek and Latin, from which the MS. recorded in entry 223 was written.

A.Df. 13 pp. 20.5 cm. x 24.5 cm. Vol. 14, MS. 2.[222]

n.d. Ezekiel COOPER.

"An Inquiry into the Doctrines, Constitution, and Government of the Methodist-Episcopal-Church by Ezekiel Cooper, an Elder of the said Church."

A.Df.S. 14 pp. 18.5 cm. x 15 cm. Vol. 4, MS. 1. [223]

n.d. E[zekiel] C[OOPER].

"A Series of Letters upon the Government and Doctrines of the Methodist-Episcopal-Church: together with others, upon various Subjects of Importance"; "I. Letter. Upon the necessity of Government, and a volentary submission unto it, in order to the happiness and prosperity of Society" [only letter].

A.Df.S. 12 pp. 18.5 cm. x 15 cm. Vol. 4, MS. 2.[224]

n.d. [Ezekiel COOPER.] To Reformer.

"Considerably entertained, and pleased, with the plain honest candor of the Editor, and the pointed, appropriate strictures in some of the essays; especially in the attempts to reform and check the prevailing missionary abuses of the day"; consequences likely to be fatal to cause of religion; "missionary societies and education societies and theological seminaries, and the theological students, and missionary families including preachers, wives, children, servants, and other attendants to make up the full parade or missionary suit, all of which are calling for money, money money"; to satisfy demands and evangelize the world, they must have the tenth part of every one's income; everybody is urged to cultivate land; this would bring into the treasury $270,000 a year in United States.

A.Df. 2 pp. 19 cm. x 15 cm. Vol. 7, MS. 14. [225]

n.d. [Ezekiel COOPER.] To Reformer.

"You appear to understand pretty well the policy of the founders and promoters of missionary societies, education societies, theological seminaries, &c. even down to the cent societies and rag bag establishments"; "It is to be feared that too many of those would be, man-made ministers are lazy, proud young men, aiming at dignity, ease, and fortune, getting their education and qualifications for promotion at the expense of the hard earnings of many benevolent poor industrious people, more worthy and more pious than themselves"; some families "deprived of some necessaries, or comforts of life, by those sturdy beggers, whose cry is give, give, give"; money wanted "to build colleges, seminaries, schools and fine houses ---and to pay high salaries, of thousands upon thousands to presidents, vice presidents, professors, teachers, to maintain missionaries and families, to support, to feed, to clothe the pious young students, the heathen children &c. &c."

A.Df. 2 pp. 19.5 cm. x 15.5 cm. Vol. 7, MS. 15. [226]

n.d. [Ezekiel COOPER.]

"It has been objected that the Methodists ought to have waited, till the episcopalians had obtained the consecration of their bishops, and the succession from the English Church: and then to receive the ordinances, ordination and authority from the Protestant Episcopal Church"; Methodists in United States have even been charged with schism; Methodist episcopacy has been called "only presbyterial"; statement denies authority of [John] Wesley, [Thomas] Coke, [James] Creighton, to ordain; all were regular authorized presbyters of Church of England; Methodist Episcopal Church and Protestant Episcopal Church of America now are distinct from Church of England; American ministers of Protestant Episcopal Church do not belong to Church of England; Methodist Church, being two years older than Protestant Episcopal Church of America, cannot be accused of separation; American Methodist Episcopal Church, with Coke and

[Francis] Asbury at head, was organized in 1784; first American Protestant Episcopal bishop was William White, ordained September 14, 1786, in Pennsylvania; White, Dr. [Samuel] Provo[o]st, bishop-elect of New York, were presented by American ambassador at London to John Moore, Archbishop of Canterbury, December 4, 1786; consecrated February 4, 1787, bishops of Protestant Episcopal Church in United States, by Moore, assisted by William Markham, Archbishop of York, Charles Moss, Bishop of Bath and Wells, John Hinchcliffe, Bishop of Peterborough; as to validity of Methodist ordination, said Archbishop [James] Usher, in his letter to Dr. [Nicholas] Bernard "I have ever declared my opinion to be, that episcopus and presbyter graduantum differunt non ordine, and consequently, that in places where bishops cannot be had the ordination by presbyters stands valid"; Usher, in answer to [Richard] Baxter, cited instances in antiquity "where presbyters alone successively ordained bishops"; "Perhaps it is a duty to defend ourselves; but let love continue."

A.Df. 2 pp. 25.5 cm. x 20.5 cm. Vol. 14, MS. 14. [227]

n.d. [Ezekiel COOPER.] To Smith, Easton Star [Easton, Md.].

"A review of a pamphlet entitled 'Three Essays on the Constitution of the Christian Church'"; author has "gone far toward implicating the Protestant Episcopal Church in the charge of schism, in her separation from the Church of Rome"; author says "Every man who leaves one communion and joins another is justly guilty of the sin of schism, unless the communion which he leaves be no church, and the one to which he goes a true church"; if, as the author says, "There is no species of schism so deeply criminal, as the assuming the ministerial office without regular ordination," St. Paul is guilty; "I apprehend he will have to correct himself, or be in another dilemma."

A.Df. 3 pp. 25.5 cm. x 20.5 cm. Vol. 14, MS. 15.[228]

n.d. [Ezekiel COOPER.]

"Let it be remembered that through the course of this Review, I propose referring to or quoting the respective Pamphlets under the title of the Enquiry or the Essays as the case may require . . . . It will be seen by the preface to the Enquiry that the author was induced to write his book, in consequence of a controversy in the Easton [Md.] Star, and it will also appear from the preface to the Essays, that they were first published in the Easton Star, during that controversy, on the validity of Methodist Episcopacy"; proof that authors attempted "to write down Methodist Episcopacy, and to prejudice the public mind against the validity of the Methodist ministry" is in the essays published in Republican Star; authors tried to exclude every other denomination of Protestants from a claim to an authorized ministry; authors claim direct succession from Church of Rome; "that very authority condemns" them [remainder is very similar in content to MS. calendared in entry 231].

A.Df. 5 pp. 26 cm. x 22 cm. Vol. 14, MS. 9. [229]

n.d. [Ezekiel COOPER.]
Notes the basis for "An Ecclesiastical Review of the Primitive Doctrine, Morality and Discipline of the Christian Church," the contents of which are the same as those of the MS. calendared in entry 231.
A.Df. 240 pp. 13 cm. x 22 cm. Vol. 6. [230]

n.d. [Ezekiel COOPER.] To Bishop [Francis] ASBURY.
For a considerable length of time has wanted to write Asbury a series of letters upon subject of "gospel ministry"; this letter shows results of research; many Christian theologians, "as St. Ireneus used to say of some in his time, have been like Esop's dog in the fable, that lost the substance while they gaped too eagerly at the shadow of religion"; no question connected with gospel ministry has caused more controversy than "the doctrine of the uninter[r]upted succession of Prelates, from the apostles down to the present time, and the doctrine of the divine right of bishops, as an order above and superior to presbyters"; High Episcopalians claim a prelatical succession from Apostles, through all the corruptions of Rome; they deny the validity of all presbyterial consecrations and ordinations; has had access to "books of fine respectability and credit, ancient and modern, ecclesiastic and civil, Roman Catholic and protestant, episcopalian, Presbyterian and Lutheran and Independent"; "examined Eusebuis, Socrates, Scholasticus, Evagrius &c. and the Fourteen Folio Volumes of Ecclesiastical History Histoire de l' Eglise et des Auteurs ecclesiastiques by Lewis Ellies Du Pin"; cites [William] Cave, [John] Mosheim, [William] Warburton, [William] Warner, [Laurence] Echard, [?] Flowers, Richard Montagu, [Joseph] Milner, [John] Wesley, [David] Hume, [Tobias] Smollett, [Oliver] Goldsmith, [Rene or Nicholas] Rapin, [Thomas] Kimber, [William] Russell, [Richard] Hooker, [Edward] Stillingfleet, [Gilbert] Burnet, [William] Chillingworth, [John] Tillotson, [William] Wake, [John] Whitgift, [Richard] Bancroft, [George] Abbott, [William] Laud, [William] Sancroft, [John] Potter, [Peter] King, [Thomas] Newton, "Biographical & Martyrological Dictionary," "an old book called 'Ramarques,' relating to the state of the church of the three first centuries by A. S. with animadversions on a book called 'A view of antiquity' by J. H.," Bishop of Bangor's "Preservitive," [Charles] Buck's Theological Dictionary, [John] Brown's Dictionary of the Bible, "annotations" by [Matthew] Pool and [?] Whittey, [Archibald] Maclain, [Jean] Le Clerc, [Samuel] Miller, "two pamphlets published by the Rev'd Doctors K and K"; read "Dr. Hobort and Dr. Mason"; research has "only confirmed and settled me stronger in my views and opinion"; considers Scriptures "of superior authority to any and every other"; "It used to be an impertinent question of the catholics, so called, to the protestants, 'Where was your religion before [Martin] Luther?' 'Our religion,' said Thomas Newton, Bishop of Bristol, in his dis[s]ertation on

the prophecies, 'was in the hearts and lives of the many faithful witnesses; but it is sufficient that it was always in the bible'"; on matter of episcopacy, neither Puritans nor Episcopalians entirely correct; some Episcopalians admitted institution of bishops over presbyters of human origin; some Puritans "admitted the utility of bishops in church polity"; "That the uninterrupted succession of prelates from the apostles down could not be proved . . . was the opinion of the first reformers in England, with King Edward VI and Archbishop [Thomas] Cranmer, Bishop [George] Hooper and others at their head"; [here follows an account of the controversies between the High and Low Church in England and of the corruption in the Roman Catholic Church, either quoted or paraphrased from the sources already mentioned] "Is it through such a channel or line of uncertainties, perplexities and darkness, a regular succession of crimes, idolatry and debauchery, that we are to receive the only and exclusive authorised ministry?"

A.Df. 27 pp. 21 cm. x 26.5 cm. Vol. 10, MS. 1.[231]

n.d. "Catholicism" [Ezekiel COOPER]. To [Mr. PAULSON] American Daily Advertiser [Baltimore, Md.].

Read letter, "giving an account of the 'glorious work and uncommon display of the power of God'" signed "L," published in American Daily Advertiser; "L" a stranger to evangelical divinity; cannot deny "there are humble penitants wrought on, in the manner described by the letter"; cites instance of St. Paul; contrary to "L," believes miracles still happen; regrets "L" compared "bodily agitations" of converts to "the noisy vociferations and savage ferocity of the priests of Baal"; "agitations" caused by "the spirit of divine power"; recalls theological explanations of "agitations" given by Jonathan Edwards; cites instances in Scriptures; if God cannot be importuned, such passages as "ask and ye shall receive" are without meaning; should not "discourage Humble Penitants."

A.Df.S. 8 pp. 20 cm. x 16 cm. Vol. 7, MS. 9. [232]

n.d. [Ezekiel COOPER.] To Mr. PAULSON [American Daily Advertiser, Baltimore, Md.].

Read article in issue of "26th inst." signed "L" relative to a letter on "A glorious work and uncommon display of the power of God"; "I disaproove of the animadversions made upon it by 'L' and am surprised at his method of quoting, construing and applying the Scriptures"; "L" discourages penitents when he says they suggest "the noisy vociferations and savage ferocity of the priests of Baal," although "he says, professionally 'far be it from me'"; recalls incident of Joab and Amasa; "L" must hold that cases of conversion such as St. Paul's, since miraculous, no longer happen; "If the gift, to men of working miracles of healing the sick, curing the blind, has ceased, I have not learned that the power or interposition of grace or of the holy spirit, in the changes or conversion of sinners had ceased---But wherein do the circumstances at-

tending Paul's conversion relative to the miraculous interposition, or power of God in the glorious work differ in many important particulars from those which the Letter has detailed?"

A.Df. 2 pp. 32.5 cm. x 20.5 cm. Vol. 20, MS. 1. [233]

n.d. [Ezekiel COOPER.] To [Mr. PAULSON, American Daily Advertiser, Baltimore, Md.].

Has read pieces signed "Catholicism"; cannot be denied he has "written the truth and treated vice as it deserves"; to oppose him in this is to be "like a Nero, a Diocletian, or a Julian the Apostate . . . to sacrifice Religion and Morality on the altar of their infidelity"; "I was astonished at a Grub-Street Billingsgate Hand Bill which was last week carried through this town by a lackey resembling Powder Monkey who appeared to glory in it as though he had been the lackey messenger of an Inquisition of Jackanapes spreading death warrants"; the writer of the Bill tells "a palpable falsehood in saying that 'Catholicism' has endeavoured to stigmatize and falsely defame worthy members of society by charging them &c---who are those worthy members?"; "no one can be meant but the guilty"; the writer "never lets us know who he is defending, unless it be all the guilty, licentious, infidels together"; "he appears to hold in Sovereign Contempt such publications as are against the evil doers"; "attempts to 'confute' a great truth by 'asserting' a bare falsehood, that attending midnight meetings is a greater cause of disobedience among children &c. than want of education and profanation of the Lords day"; though writer cannot find twenty servants, children who have attended more than two or three times, these occasions incense him more than "a hundred revels, dances, frolicks, gamblings &c. till midnight or daybreak"; writer attempts to charge religious worship with evils resulting from other causes.

A.Df. 3 pp. 19 cm. x 16.5 cm. Vol. 7, MS. 8. [234]

n.d. "A Methodist" [Ezekiel COOPER]. To the Association of Local Preachers, Philadelphia [Pa.].

"A Review of the Reverend Messieurs Samuel K. Jennings, Alexander McCaine and James R. Williams's 'Remarks on the proposed Plan for a Lay Delegation'"; authors speak for themselves only, not for other ministers, brethren in Baltimore; authors disapprove division of church into classes of laity and ministry, with local ministers classed with lay members; authors prefer to be considered as a middle class between itinerant preachers and laity; local preachers should not "feel themselves 'degraded or disparaged in their offices or services' by being associated or marshalled with the laity in representation"; classification should be tolerable since local ministry habitually associates with laity in all their secular pursuits; first governor of Ohio was a local preacher; a local preacher was once mayor of Georgetown, D. C.; a better plan will be welcomed; number of delegates should not be determined by population; if local preachers desire classification with itinerants, they should "give themselves up to

the great work, which their 'gifts, grace, and usefulness' recommend them to, and qualify them for"; should not "bury or hide those qualifications and talents, so much in the business of secular instead of ministerial concerns"; many other groups within church could demand separate representation if such were given to local preachers.
A.Df.S. 8 pp. 33 cm. x 20 cm. Vol. 19, MS. 1. [235]

n.d. [Ezekiel COOPER.]
[Contents same as those calendared in entry 239.]
A.Df. 4 pp. 34 cm. x 21 cm. Vol. 19, MS. 2. [236]

n.d. [Ezekiel COOPER.]
[Contents contained in the MS. calendared in entry 239.]
A.D.f. 1 p. 33 cm. x 20.5 cm. Vol. 19, MS. 3. [237]

n.d. [Ezekiel COOPER.]
[Notes the basis for the MS. calendared in entry 239.]
A.Df. 3 pp. 26 cm. x 20 cm. Vol. 19, MS. 8. [238]

n.d. [Ezekiel COOPER.]
"A Review of the Reviewer Reviewed; or a further Review of Messrs. [Samuel K.] Jennings, [Alexander] McCain, and [James R.] Williams &c; the author [Cooper] of "Outlines of a plan for a lay delegation" consented to its publication not suspecting it would cause an unpleasant controversy; believes, however, good may result from it; authors have misrepresented some facts so as to convey to their readers erroneous ideas; not true that proposed plan for a lay delegation never once recognizes the name or character of a local preacher; term employed in plan itself is "Every private and official male member of the church"; law of Maryland, denying ordained ministers a seat in legislature; proof of lay status of local preachers, since latter have served in legislature; "Our Baltimore 'three worthies,' as Nocticius A. L. P. [A Local Preacher?] calls them, may if they please consult 'the opinion of very considerable legal talent'"; half of three thousand local preachers supposedly represented by authors are unordained licensed lay preachers; authors "are not contending for an affair which has any reference whatever to the persons or character of laymen"; Cooper contends for all members, regardless of status; authors "thought by springing their watchman's rattle, the whole body of local preachers were to be alarmed, and fly to arms against the poor harmless inoffensive plan, which unless suddenly crushed and destroyed might bring in an overwhelming destruction upon them"; laity and ministry were invited to suggest other plans.
A.Df. 3 pp. 33 cm. x 20 cm. Vol. 19, MS. 4. [239]

n.d. [Ezekiel COOPER.]
"Expressly said in the paper that local preachers are associated with laity---but lines can be filled up with the

term local"; a "quibble or cavil to speak as they have done"; if present plan is disliked, a better should be proposed; [English definitions of words] "Sacerdotum, Sacerdos, Clericus, Sacerdotalis, Aliquem sacerdotii dignitate sumignominia spoliare, Sacerdotibus nimis addictus, Ordo sacris non initiatus, Privilegium Clericale"; during Henry VIII's reign clergy were not allowed to engage in any manner of trade.

A.Df. 2 pp. 20 cm. x 9 cm. Vol. 7, MS. 36. [240]

n.d. [Ezekiel COOPER.]

Unordained local preachers not properly ministers or clergy; though constitution of Maryland does not allow ministers a seat in legislature, local preachers are not subject to this law; cites G. Ward of Dorset and R. Maffett of Queen Anne's County; if local preachers refuse classification with laity, itinerants will "marshall and associate together in the strong bonds of unity, confidence, and love"; then any lack of unity must be ascribed to local preachers.

A.Df. 1 p. 6.5 cm. x 25 cm. Vol. 7, MS. 42. [241]

n.d. [Ezekiel COOPER.]

"If we admit that every grade of office and order, shall be entitled to a direct, distinct and separate representation, then it may be that we shall have among the several orders and grades, to the amount of ten or twelve, putting in this claim, for distinct and separate representations for themselves--- viz. the Bishops, the travelling elders, travelling deacons, travelling graduates . . . Local elders . . . deacons . . . licenciates . . . class leaders . . . Exhorters . . . Trustees . . . Stewards . . . unofficial Laity"; if such a plan were followed, Negroes would insist, and rightly, on a separate conference.

A.Df. 2 pp. 21 cm. x 9 cm. Vol. 14, MS. 25. [242]

n.d. [Ezekiel COOPER.]

[Prescriptions, of which the following are representative:] to cure dropsy, "Eat dry bisket, live on it as far as possible, and drink but little water; 3 handfulls of water cresses, and 4 white onions, boiled in 3 quarts of water, down to one q[ua]rt; a glass to be taken 3 times a day"; to cure cancer, "Soft soap and lime, well mixed and applied. It eats out the cancer, then cure the soar with common salve. The plaster is severe as an accostic"; another cure for cancer, "Root of the narrow leaved dock, boiled in soft water; wash the ulcer with a strong decoction warm as it can be borne, fill the cavity with the liquor; then scrape the root, bruise it fine, put it on gause and apply over every part . . . repeat it three times in 24 hours; at each time take a wine glass of the tea made of the root, with one third of a glass of port wine sweetened with honey."

A.Df. 14 pp. 16 cm. x 9 cm. Vol. 23, MS. 5. [243]

n.d. [Ezekiel COOPER.]
"Proposed for the consideration of the learned, and of the clergy of every denomination, and of all Christian people" ---cabalistic proof that the number 666 is that of "the Beast," as defined "by the Angel, in Daniel's vision of the four beasts," and that the evil number is the sum of the letters in the word, translated from the Greek, meaning "The Latin Kingdom."
A.Df. 2 pp. 20 cm. x 20 cm. Vol. 7, MS. 27. [244]

n.d. Philadelphia [Pa.].
"An Ellegy on the Death of Miss R - - - D. of Philadelphia, by a young lady of that Citty."
Df. 2 pp. 33 cm. x 20.5 cm. Vol. 20, MS. 21. [245]

n.d. [Ezekiel COOPER.]
Believes United States cannot "act with national dignity, if she refuses to put the treaty with Great Britian into effect"; nations are bound "in point of honor and justice" to fulfil contracts; "if they cannot be fulfilled without expence we are then bound to advance the money."
A.Df. 2 pp. 34.5 cm. x 21 cm. Vol. 20, MS. 7.[246]

n.d. [Ezekiel COOPER.]
Two anecdotes based on biblical texts.
A.Df. 2 pp. 17.5 cm. x 19 cm. Vol. 7, MS. 52. [247]

n.d. [Ezekiel COOPER.]
"Corsets, A Card to the Ladies By the request of a sincere friend of the Ladies," humorous article.
A.Df. 2 pp. 20 cm. x 16 cm. Vol. 7, MS. 49. [248]

n.d. [Ezekiel COOPER.]
"The Valour of an Atheist"; Dr. Barraby, eminent London physician, acquainted with "Str-t, Esq. . . . a profest Atheist"; latter, "seized with a violent fever," sought Dr. Barraby's aid; was told that he must die; "Upon this he clenched his fists, gnashed his teeth, and said with the utmost fury 'God! God! I won't die' and died immediately"; "Will you please to give this a place in your paper."
A.Df. 1 p. 15 cm. x 18 cm. Vol. 7, MS. 45. [249]

n.d. "Philadelphus" [Ezekiel COOPER]. To Virginia Gazette [Alexandria, Va.].
"The Tongue is a little member and boasteth great things," an essay.
A.Df.S. 4 pp. 31 cm. x 19 cm. Vol. 20, MS. 13.[250]

n.d. [Ezekiel COOPER.]
Resolution of loyalty and "due obedience to the government, Laws and Rulers of these United States"; duty of ministers, laity to support government, Constitution; "extremely wrong for any of us to speak or act contrary to the Scripture,

our articles of faith & rules of society in opposition to the government."

A.Df. 2 pp. 25 cm. x 20 cm. Vol. 13, MS. 7. [251]

n.d. [Ezekiel COOPER.]

Remarks under headings, "The good man's conflicts in life, spoken of under the similitude of a warfair," "The Christian course of life, under the figure of a race," "The Christian faith, and good mans fidelity in keeping it," "The final reward."

A.Df. 2 pp. 20 cm. x 12.5 cm. Vol. 7, MS. 28. [252]

n.d. [Ezekiel COOPER.]

Remarks under headings, "God's deportment toward his people & creature," "The deportment & conduct of his people."

A.Df. 1 p. 19 cm. x 13 cm. Vol. 7, MS. 25. [253]

n.d. [Ezekiel COOPER.]

"Please to publish the following extract and oblige A Friend. Partly taken from the epistle of Ignatius to the Antoichians and partly from the councill of Gangra elder than that of Nice[a], Can[on] 3 being the 62 Canon of the Ancient Code."

A.Df. 1 p. 17 cm. x 15 cm. Vol. 7, MS. 21. [254]

n.d. To E[zekiel] COOPER.

"Peter Parks true Statement of the first rise of the Methodist in america, in the year, 1766"; "Phillip Emmery" [Philip Embury], preacher from Limerick, Ireland, lodged in "Barrick Street" [N. Y. C.], ten doors from "Barricks," now called "A[u]gusta" Street; urged by Mrs. Hick, mother of Paul Hick, to have preaching in his house; among those converted were Mary Parks, her mother, Catherine Taylor; formed class of twelve members; three musicians, James Hodge, Addison Low, John Buckley, of sixteenth regiment of British troops, acted as exhorters; Mrs. Deverricks converted; Embury called to preach at Poorhouse; Billy Littlewood, "Marster of the Poorhouse," converted; more space needed as numbers increased; hired rigging loft in "Cart and horse Street," now called William Street; erected desk, benches; held preaching Sunday morning, evening; Captain [Thomas] Webb, British officer, preached in "Regementals"; wore green patch over blind eye; [Cooper's comments begin at this point] "Riggin[g] loft became too small to contain the crowded congregation"; need was answered by enthusiastic subscribers; first Methodist preaching house in America was erected where present John Street Church stands; Society members wrote to Wesley, asking that regular preachers be sent among them; "accordingly Richard Bo[a]rdman and Joseph Pillmoor came over, and brought with them fifty pounds, a present toward assisting the society in paying their debt"; this in 1768 or 1769; "John Staples, Mr. [William] Lupton, Mr. Mercein [?], sundry others & [Francis] Asbury & [Richard] Wright came over 1771"; [Thomas] Rankin,

[George] Shadford, [Martin] Rodda, [James] Dem[p]ster followed; Peter Parks was five years old at this time; attended church with his mother, grandmother; "has stood firm ever since---is well known---and can recollect the various occurrances very distinctly."

Df. 3 pp. 32 cm. x 19 cm. Vol. 22, MS. 1. [255]

Verso: "Peter Parks's account of the first Methodist Society in New York---given to E. Cooper."

n.d. [Ezekiel COOPER.] To "Printers."

"The melancholy disaster of Satturaday night last in the burning of a house in this town with a poor unfortunate woman and two children in the flame, brings afresh to my memory an altercation, which was a few years ago in Philadelphia, between a Sword and a Hogshead of Rum, which had slain the greatest number of souls"; Sword killed thousands; Rum killed tens of thousands; politically, domestically, physically, morally, Rum is injurious to nation; "The evil that is done by it, ten thousand times surpasses all the good"; "I should not be sorry if a dollar a gallon rates were laid upon it."

A.Df. 4 pp. 21 cm. x 20 cm. Vol. 7, MS. 13. [256]

n.d. [Ezekiel COOPER.] To GREEN [Editor, Maryland Gazette, Annapolis, Md.].

"An Account of an African Negro; taken from Captain Seagrove's Journal of his Voyage to Guinia"; "A New England sloop, trading to Guinia in 1752, left her Second Mate, William Murry, sick on shore, and sailed without him"; stayed at house of Cudjoe, a Negro; a Dutch ship landed; some Negroes went aboard; "were treacherously sieged and carried off as slaves"; friends ashore sought revenge on Murry; Cudjoe threatened to defend Murry with his life; Negroes, "convinced by his discourse that they were wrong, went away ashamed"; later they were glad they had not killed him, because "their God would have been angry, and would have spoiled their fishery."

A.Df. 1 p. 31 cm. x 18.5 cm. Vol. 20, MS. 26. [257]

Verso: "Sir: Be pleased to give this a place in your paper."

n.d. "A Lover Of Free Grace" [Ezekiel COOPER]. To Messrs. HANSON & BOND [Printers, Virginia Gazette, Alexandria, Va.].

Explanation of doctrinal differences between Arminians and Calvinists; Arminian preachers should not use "Calvinist as a term of reproach"; Calvinist preachers should "do the same with respect to the Arminians."

A.Df.S. 3 pp. 30 cm. x 18.5 cm. Vol. 20 MS. 16. [258]

n.d. "Catholicism" [Ezekiel COOPER].

Cites "late writer" who desired, more than anything else, "to see all mankind in harmony and mutual good will, ranging without distinction under the one great name of man and

brother"; "those who foment disunion . . . the most pernicious monsters of society"; exponents of mutual toleration are best friends of mankind; "never think that you advance the cause of that religion, or do service to your God, by waging war against your fellow creature for opinions"; Turks' treatment of slaves "such as may well bring a blush into the faces of Christian dealers in human flesh"; awakened by account of "D-- C-- Esq." to excesses of Christians "who are using compulsion, threats, and menaces to compell or force their dependants, servants, children, even wives, to change their faith."

A.Df.S. 2 pp. 20 cm. x 21 cm. Vol. 7, MS. 7. [259]

n.d. [Ezekiel COOPER.]

"A young Miss to her Cousin"; received last letter; "you will continue to favour me with your valuable dis[s]ertations upon the beauties of nature and elliquence of art"; "All the works of nature should promote in us grateful hearts of praise and adoration to that Supreme Being from whom all nature had its origin"; art admirable, "but nothing artificial can be comparable to the g[en]uine gaiety and lustre which shine with brightest coulers thro' all the engaging sublimity of nature."

A.Df. 2 pp. 21 cm. x 18 cm. Vol. 7, MS. 44. [260]

n.d. "Consistancy" [Ezekiel COOPER], Wilmington [Del.].

"'Let the Unitarians,' and Predestinarians, 'Unravel This'"; cites article, "Let the Unitarians Unravel This," in Christian Repository, signed by "Candor"; "Now let Consistancy propose something for Predestinarian Trinitarian Candor to unravel or reconcile"; Christ, of the substance of the Creator, "eternally infinite in purity and holiness, as a Lamb without spot or wrinkle or any such thing"; could not have been sanctified by "the blood of the Covenant," since "Sanctification is understood to be the state of being freed"; recently heard minister in Wilmington say Christ was freed by blood of the Covenant; no necessity for sanctification; "Alas! how lamentable that we should pervert plain scripture from its obvious meaning, and bend and twist it to our previously conceived notions to support favorite systems of right and wrong"; "there is something evidently unsound, unfair, sophistical, or fallacious, in Dort [Synod of Dort, Holland, 1618] and Caladoni[a?] and also in Logica Genevensis [, or a fourth check to Antinomianism, by John William Fletcher]."

A.Df.S. 2 pp. 20 cm. x 16.5 cm. Vol. 7, MS. 6. [261]

n.d. [Ezekiel COOPER.] To Editor of Reformer.

Anecdote here given was related by "a pious minister of high standing and great respectability"; a Dutchman in Cincinnati was overjoyed to hear of arrival of a missionary; asked about the missionary's adventures in wilderness; surprised to hear missionary visited only the greatest cities.

A.Df. 1 p. 23.5 cm. x 19.5 cm. Vol. 13, MS. 9. [262]

n.d. [Ezekiel COOPER.]
Chart showing life spans of patriarchs from Adam to Jacob.
A.Df. 2 pp. 17.5 cm. x 10 cm. Vol. 7, MS. 26. [263]

n.d. [Ezekiel COOPER.]
"Success to the Plough," an essay advocating more respect for "the diligent Husbandman."
A.Df. 1 p. 32 cm. x 20 cm. Vol. 20, MS. 15. [264]

n.d. Martha A. BRICE.
"O land of rest for the[e] I sigh," a poem.
A.Df.S. 1 p. 21.5 x 19 cm. Vol. 7, MS. 57. [265]

n.d. Ebenezer HILLS.
Volume of sixty-four religious poems, the titles of some of which are "Creating Goodness," "Redeeming Love," "The Sinner's Doom," "Holy Desires," "The Backslider's Return," "Love Feast."
A.Df. 56 pp. 21 cm. x 17 cm. Vol. 24; MS. 1. [266]
Verso: "This is the work of Ebenezer Hills, a member of the Methodist society near Albany City."

n.d. Margaret KEEN.
"In the year 1815 the beast will rise, in his full power and rage to make war with all the saints & all the Christians on the whole Earth"; reign will continue until the middle of 1818; "will then be cast alive into the bottomless pit, and none shall find the beast nor the false Prophet any more at all"; then plagues and famine will sweep the earth; "In the year 1821 on the first of the second month" the earth will again produce; in 1822, Christ will descend from heaven with all the angels "and all the saints upon earth will be caught up into the air and meet the Lord at his coming"; "And all the saints will live and reign with Christ on earth a thousand years."
A.Df.S. 2 pp. 24.5 cm. x 19.5 cm. Vol. 13, MS. 6. [267]

n.d. J. P. To E[zekiel] COOPER.
"When first I crossed the wide Atlantic main," a poem on slavery.
A.Df.S. 7 pp. 19 cm. x 15 cm. Vol. 7, MS. 60. [268]
Verso: "by J. P. to E. Cooper to publish Slavery."

n.d. Nancy WELSH.
Poem of her conversion, "I Nancy Welsh in Essex Bred."
A.Df.S. 4 pp. 19 cm. x 15 cm. Vol. 7, MS. 56. [269]

n.d. "Mr. W." To Editor of Methodist Magazine.
Lately returned from United States; following account of work there may be published in Magazine; arrived in New York, June 27, 1805; lodged in boarding house; considered it advantageous "to take my summer residence in a small town, called

Brooklyn, directly opposite New York, on Long Island," on banks of East River; inquired for Methodists; found "respectable Society and a handsome Preaching House"; boarded with Isaac Moser, one of the leaders; Ezekiel Cooper in charge of Society, Superintendent of the Methodist Book Concern; [John] Wilson, assistant, lives at "Book Store"; showed Cooper letters of recommendation previously obtained from Charles Almore, James McDonald, preachers of Wakefield [Eng.] Circuit; received with "greatest brotherly love and Christian affection" by Cooper; latter told of plans for campmeeting, beginning July 25, to be held for three days in Delaware about 160 miles from New York; in England had heard much of American camp meetings; anxious, consequently, to be an eye witness; at first feared "temporal business" would prevent attendance; about July 20, found that a leave of a week or ten days could be spent without inconvenience or danger of injury to business; Cooper supplied letter of recommendation; stayed in tent and house of George Thinnard; meeting held in "a natural bower"; seats for 4,000, platform for preachers; 200 tents, 1,000 carriages; meeting continued four days and nights, with very little intermission; 29 traveling, 34 local preachers, besides exhorters, leaders; estimated eight to ten thousand people present; meeting successful beyond even highest expectations; at five o'clock sound of two trumpets signified time for morning prayers; preaching at eight and three o'clock; intermediate time taken up with singing, praying; camp illuminated all night by lamps, candles; "From time to time scores were struck to the ground, a part of whom appearing lifeless; others in agonies, crying with the most lamentable anguish, to God for mercy"; three to four hundred were converted, "besides the numbers who were awakened"; seven justices of the peace, seven constables, two sheriffs, large guard of men kept order; Richard Bassett, "lately Governor of the State where the meeting was held . . . appeared like a humble child among God's people, singing, praying, exhorting"; Abraham Ridgely, "late Secretary of State, and brother to the present Chancel[l]or, was remarkably zealous, and headed the civil authority to keep good order, and suppress any who might interrupt or disturb the meeting"; meeting closed at seven o'clock in morning of July 29; "after blowing trumpets around the camp the preachers collected together at the stand before all the assembly; they fell on each others necks and wept, and then dismissed a weeping congregation"; returned to New York and Brooklyn; resolved "to proclaim to the utmost of my power to Great Britain what God was doing among the people in America"; with friends attended Quarterly meeting on Long Island; on second day "the concourse of people was so great we had to retire from the preaching house"; September 3, 1805, attended meeting held about 40 miles from New York, up the North River; lasted four days; 20 preachers, about 6,000 people, 150 tents; no intermission during period of meeting; "certain Mr. W.," under conviction for several months, attended meeting despite opposition of wife; wife followed him to meeting; both converted.

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